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To: SAC, New Orleans

From: Director, FBI

WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU
KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI
RACIAL MATTERSRACIAL INFORMANT PROGRAM
NEW ORLEANS DIVISION

157-1962*

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Advise Bureau status of inquiries concerning the
above captioned organization and identities of two klan groups
mentioned in re Bureau airtel.Also inform Bureau status of background information
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1552)

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FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-1962) *PND*

WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI
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Enclosed herewith are eight copies of a letterhead
memorandum suitable for dissemination which are self-explanatory.

The source mentioned in the enclosed letterhead
memorandum is [redacted] RI (PROB).

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New Orleans, Louisiana
March 26, 1964

WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI

A confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised a Special Agent of the New Orleans Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on March 18, 1964, that a state meeting of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi (WKKK) was held on March 15, 1964, at Natchez, Mississippi.

This meeting was attended by approximately 75 to 100 members from various parts of the State of Mississippi.

It was announced at this meeting that each Klan unit of the WKKK should have three out of every ten members present at the court room every day during the forthcoming trial of Byron De La Beckwith who had been charged with the slaying of Medgar Evers. The statement made at this meeting was, "We can't let him down."

This information was furnished to Assistant Chief of Police W. B. Pierce, Jackson Police Department; Bill Waller, District Attorney, Hinds County; and Fred N. Pickett, Jr., Sheriff of Hinds County, Jackson, Mississippi.

The trial of Beckwith is scheduled for April 6, 1964, at Jackson, Mississippi.

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WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE
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Enclosed herewith are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination regarding printed literature distributed by the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi in Lincoln County, Mississippi, as well as a mimeographed letter distributed to members of this organization at a state-wide meeting held on March 15, 1964, at Natchez, Mississippi.

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New Orleans, Louisiana
March 26, 1964

WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI

Reverend William P. Davis, President of the Mississippi Baptist Seminary, 510 North Farish Street, Jackson, Mississippi, advised a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on March 24, 1964, that the Mississippi Baptist Seminary is a Negro seminary engaged in doing missionary work in Lincoln County, Mississippi, and is not engaged in any type of voter registration activities.

Reverend Davis stated that he received a letter from Milton Bryant, the Dean of the Mississippi Baptist Seminary Center at Brookhaven, Mississippi, which enclosed two pieces of printed literature which had been found by Bryant in the driveway of his residence.

Reverend Davis provided these two pieces of literature, one of which is entitled "The Most Awful Disease of Our Time." The second piece of literature was a poem captioned "Published by the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan State of Miss. Lincoln County."

A confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised on March 18, 1964, that a state meeting of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi was held at Natchez, Mississippi, on March 15, 1964. This meeting was attended by approximately 75 to 100 individuals from various parts of the state.

At this meeting a mimeographed letter addressed to "Governor Paul B. Johnson, Office of the Governor, Jackson, Mississippi" was distributed to the members for them to sign and in turn send to Governor Johnson.

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**WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI**

Copies of the literature furnished by Reverend Davis and a copy of the letter distributed at the Klan meeting on March 15, 1964, at Natchez, are attached.

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Citizen And Taxpayer
State Of Mississippi

Governor Paul B. Johnson
Office Of The Governor
Jackson, Mississippi

Governor Johnson;

As one who highly values the freedom that inherently belongs to Americans I wish to take this opportunity to register my opposition to a certain proposed legislative act now being considered by the legislative department of our State government.

The specific act to which I am referring to is the proposal to grant police power to the Highway Patrol of this State. This dangerous act of centralization of power is an act of tyranny. My personal belief is that tyranny is tyranny regardless of which level of government it may occur, either local, state or federal.

The present and past traffic statistics alone would clearly and definitely indicate that to impose additional responsibilities on these traffic safety officers would be very unwise.

There seems to be evidence that certain elements in our overall State government are making a bold grab for power and this proposal will only make the State more oppressive than is necessary for the American way of life to remain open and a reality for Mississippians.

Most Sincerely,

Citizen & Taxpayer

PUBLISHED by The WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN STATE OF MISS.
LINCOLN COUNTY

In America, the Beautiful, the home of the brave,
There seems little concern over this nation to save,
Where waving Old Glory in all its light,
You will get a call from Washington saying you are far to
the right.

Or if you are patriotic, and an anti-communist talker,
What will it get you? Ask General Walker!
Is this still America, the land of the free?
Five will get you ten it soon won't be.
But hark! In the distance, do I hear a rumble,
Such as the roar of a cannon or a clap of thunder?
It's coming from DIXIE; Glory be!!
Where good men are not afraid to take a stand
To save this precious and noble land.
They number in the thousands, this courageous band,
God go with them, the KU KLUX KLAN.
Gallant men these, tried and true,
Dedicating their lives to protect me and you.
Now listen, you COMMUNIST and NEGROES and JEWS.
Tell all your buddies to spread the news.
Your day of judgment will soon be nigh,
As the Lord in his wisdom looks down from on high.
Will this battle be lost? NEVER! I say.
For the KU KLUX KLAN is here to stay!!!

** If you wish to become one of us, just tell a few of your friends,
and we will do the rest.

THE MOST AWFUL DISEASE OF OUR TIME

It's an ill government indeed, that will tolerate, much less advocate, and enforce, dissension, unrest — and even violence — among its own people. It seems stupid indeed that any government, most especially the government of the United States of America, would help a small minority group of its own people overthrow the majority of its own people, using all the force at this Government's disposal to do so; especially when the majority that is being overthrown is the absolute backbone and total support of this Government — and the minority that is doing the overthrowing and trying to gain control, is now and always has been a 75% "kept" people, by the knowledge, labor, money, and good will of the majority. We are not heading for serious trouble --- WE ALREADY HAVE serious trouble when a people's government will bow down to a small, filthy, bearded Communist mongrel, just ninety miles from our doorstep, but on the other hand send all its whole military might — armed to the teeth and ready to kill all its own people within an entire state, if necessary — to see that one black man is placed in supremacy over that State (including the Governor of that State, — all the elected officials of that State) and to hell with the feelings of the people of that State who have worked very hard to make the State prosperous, and a decent place to live.

The very fact that our government is in full support of this revolutionary movement to divide its own people and bring about an all-out shooting war, is absolutely baffling.

Can it be that the Communists have already taken over?

Are we heading toward another Nazi Germany, and another Hitler within this Government?

There is certainly something very strange about all this that just does not, and never will, make things come out for the betterment of the United States of America. On the contrary, it will be our downfall and total annihilation if allowed to continue. The people whom we have elected to run the affairs of this nation are either very stupid or have joined a conspiracy to sell us all out, and that is a fact!

The leaders of our Country will spend billions of dollars and go anywhere in the World to sit down and talk to a Communist and make all kinds of concessions with him on any matter, to keep him pacified while he is infiltrating every phase of our lives in this country and brainwashing the American people, and cutting the very heart out of these United States of America, and destroying all things that are decent.

As yet, not one official of the United States government has tried to make any concessions with the Southern American white man, over his plight. We suppose the Southern States of America and their citizens are not worthy of consideration. Is it possible that the only way we will ever be recognized here in the South will be to pull out of the United States of America, get us a real black man with lots of wool on his head, who is an avowed Communist, or a member of the mau-mau, who has at least one white English slut for a wife, and join the United Nations? At this time we will be heard and listened to by the entire World, and the United States of America will sup-

port us with all its purse power, and military might, and, then they will let us tell them how to run the government of the United States, and the people within. This is the extreme you have to go to nowadays to get any voice at all in what is to happen to civilization.

The meaning of the word American Patriot has also been changed by the Communist brainwashed American people. It now means fanatic, hot-head, extremist, and ignorant.

The only thing an American citizen can get nowadays from his government is an increase in taxes, so there will be more money available to support the Communist red and black satellites, and the poor old American negro that you see driving these new Cadillacs up and down the road, while you are working your behind off trying to pay doctor bills, grocery bills, notes on a home for your wife and children, clothes for them and many other things that you know are right and decent.

We bet that you are driving a five to nine year old car that half the time you can't afford to buy gas to go to Church with your wife and children; and if you could afford the gas you had to cut the collection plate short at Church or some other bill. We bet if you check real close on that poor old Southern negro driving that Cadillac, he has two or more negro women on Welfare that are drawing checks for half a dozen illegitimate negro kids of his — and we'll bet you find them living in a shack, with very little to eat, practically no clothes or running around naked; and we'll bet the father of those illegitimate negro kids is out in his new Cadillac, hustling new members for the NAACP, and stealing half the dues he collects, and getting another negro woman pregnant for the Welfare Department to take care of. And we'll bet the mother of those same kids is out begging some White person for something, trying to make

everybody feel sorry for her whole race; but we'll also bet if you offered her a job, she would say "Well it's just feel's too bad to work today, but if you white folks will lend me five dollars I will come back next week and work it out"; and if she does come back she will steal you blind, and leave while you are gone; and since they are already wards of the state and the all-powerful government, there's not one damn thing you can do about it — and if they go to jail, well, that's free room and board for a few days and a chance to rest; (again at your expense.) They don't go to Church anymore — they go to the Church house for a NAACP meeting to plan their strategy on how they can agitate the White folks that treat them so mean!

The Federal Government says that these people are to be placed in a position of society in life above you and me, and that we are to treat them as our equal and better — that our kids have to go to school with them, live with them, marry them, and if we don't, they will send the armed forces down here to stab our children with bayonets, shoot them in the heads with tear gas, beat them over the heads with black jacks, and billy clubs, and shoot you if you say anything about it.

You have all seen the Governors of the Southern States try to defend us with the written law of the Constitution of the United States of America; and they just pushed them aside as though there were no such thing as a Governor or a Constitution. These wonderful people of ours who have tried so hard to defend us with the law have been made jokes of by the communistic federally controlled news media and slandered on television to the whole world, and lied about by this same news media until it is absolutely disgusting to turn on a television set. These same Southern Officials have been fined and threatened by such people as the Maggot-in-

Human-Flesh — none other than Chief Justice Earl Warren, who does not enforce the law but makes his own as he sees fit, under the past and present administration on Capital Hill. There is nothing wrong with America. There is nothing wrong with the Constitution of the United States of America. There is much wrong with the parasites who have the reigns of this great Nation in their hands. There is much wrong with you White people who are sitting idly by with your fiddles, while America is screaming for help! All you have to do is stand up together one time and say: "Now that's it, we have had enough"! We do not believe there will be any shots fired if it's done soon. You know the Negroes, Jews, Communists, and some religious groups stand together. They stand together to destroy you, the White American Protestant gentle citizen. So what in GOD'S name will it take to make some of you white men and women stand together and speak your minds?

Do something to correct this situation now, while you still have a chance. Tomorrow could very well be too late.

Write a letter to your Mayor, Chief of Police, Sheriff, State Representative, Governor, your Congressman, to J. Edgar Hoover; yes, and even to the President of the United States — even tho we doubt if this one will help. But, let them all know how you feel. Let them know that you have had about all you can take: let your State officials know that you are behind them and where you stand, and mean it!

Talk to your children. Teach them what is going on in their country. Keep them from being brainwashed at school and with television shows. Teach them that America was not won on Liberalism, but was won by people who had guts enough to call a spade a spade any time, any place, on any occasion.

If Americans would teach this to their children, and live by it themselves, Communism would soon vanish behind the iron curtain, and the parasites in our own government would have the exact dose of antibiotic needed to destroy them. Then the right kind of capable, dedicated people would replace them because the replacement would come from you or one of your children to whom you taught the American way of life!

So you see: The answer to our problem is for everyone to do his or her share to correct it. Stick together and let your voice be heard. (loud and clear.)

There is a saying that is very true: "There is not enough darkness in the entire world to put out the light from one small candle". And just as true, there are not enough Communists or parasites in the whole world to kill the spirit of one honest-to-God American.

The White Knights of the KU KLUX KLAN of Mississippi are native white Mississippians and are not affiliated with any other Klan organization possibly operating within this state headed by people outside this state. We are solely responsible for this and all other work done by The White Knights of the KU KLUX KLAN of Mississippi and that alone!

What Will Our Descendants Be? Anglo-Saxon or Mulatto ???

With all the racial propaganda by the NAACP and their white stooges, and as the years roll by the prophesy and words of Abraham Lincoln may become a reality. At the rate we are now moving, in another hundred years the Ethiopian or mulatto will be the rulers of our Anglo-Saxon nation, founded by our great forefathers of Virginia and Massachusetts.

You cannot build in a Democracy a nation inside a nation of two antagonistic races. The future American must be Anglo-Saxon or Mulatto.

You can never have social and political equality with the Negro without asking him to your home sooner or later. If you ask him to your house, he will break bread with you at last. And if you seat him at your table, he takes the right to ask your daughter's hand in marriage.

The man or woman of Negro ancestry, though a century removed, will suddenly breed back to a pure Negro child, kinky-headed, flat-nosed, thick-lipped, black skinned. ONE DROP of Negro blood in your family could push it backward three thousand years in history.

In a debate with Judge Douglas at Charleston, Illinois, September 18, 1858, Mr. Abraham Lincoln expressed his views and his stand on the racial question, in part as follows:

"I am not nor ever have been in favour of bringing about in any way the social and political equality of the white and black races! I am not nor ever have been in favour of making voters or jurors of negroes, nor of qualifying them to hold office, nor to intermarry with white people. I will say in addition to this that there is a physical difference between the white and black races which I believe will forever forbid the two races living together on terms of social and political equality: and inasmuch as they cannot so live, while they do remain together there must be the position of the inferior and superior, and I am, as much as any other man, in favour of having the superior position assigned to the white race."

Dedicated to maintain and extend the dignity, heritage and rights of the White Race of America:

Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, James Monroe, even Booker T. Washington favored segregation.
DON'T DESTROY—Pass it along—Enclose in your letters—Give to your pastor, your politician, your school teacher. Maintain the dignity, heritage and rights of the White Race.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, New Orleans(157-1997)

DATE: March 24, 1964

FROM : SA CHARLES M. KOKES

SUBJECT: KU KLUX KLAN ACTIVITIES
LINCOLN COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
RM

On March 24, 1964, Rev. WILLIAM P. DAVIS, President of the Mississippi Baptist Seminary, Box 530, Baptist Building, Jackson, Mississippi (located on 510 N. Fairish St.), advised that he had just received a letter report from MILTON BRYANT, who is the Dean of the Brookhaven, Miss. Center, Miss. Baptist Seminary. DAVIS said that he had no other information beyond that which is contained in this letter and the two enclosed leaflets which he furnished to Agent.

DAVIS stated that the Mississippi Baptist Seminary is a Negro seminary and is engaged in doing Negro missionary work, and is not in any way connected with or associated with any organizations which are engaged in ~~voter~~ voter registration work or other type movements sponsored by such organizations as the NAACP, CORE, or SNCC.

DAVIS made available the letter from MILTON BRYANT which is set out here in part starting with paragraph No. 4

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"The pressure is mounting in our area. The KKK is organizing in Lincoln and surrounding counties. Some group may well be called ~~the~~ terrorist. One of our most faithful pastors from Franklin County was advised by a white friend to drop out before he gets hurt, which he has done. A report has come to me that a layman who was attending the Natchez Center from Bude (Franklin County) was ambushed to death recently as he was returning from school.. A home was dynamited and burned in the same county. A life long citizen of Lincoln County who has reared a good family has been ordered to leave the county. One of our white pastors who has been teaching for us this winter has been pressured out of the work by some hot heads in his church.

We are going ahead and will until we are forced to give up, which I hope will never come. Dr. Bob Ramsay called the sheriff for a conference in behalf of the work. The sheriff indicated that he is in sympathy with the work and will cooperate with us in seeing that the hot heads do not interfere.

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"I am enclosing some copies of propaganda that was distributed in our city last week. I found these copies in my driveway when I got up. This is vicious. I cannot see how the people called christians in our state can continue to remain silent, and allow the politicians and the terrorist to disrupt the only way to solve one of our greatest problems. If we should lose this source of contact, I tremble to think of what will happen to thousands of the helpless people to of the state.

"Milton Bryant Teacher-Missionary"

One of the leaflets which was endlosed with in the letter from Bryant was entitled "The Most Awful Disease of Our Time" and the other leaflet consisted of a poem headed by the caption "PUBLISHED by The WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN STATE OF MISS." "LINCOLN COUNTY"

These two leaflets are being placed within the 1A part of file.

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At Brookhaven, Mississippi Will contact Rev. Milton Bryant at the Brookhaven Center of the Mississippi Baptist Seminary for complete details of the incidents referred to in his letter to Rev. Davis.

DIRECTOR, FBI

3/25/64

SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-37)

KLAN ORGANIZATIONS,
HATE ORGANIZATIONS,
AND RACIAL INFORMANTS
RACIAL MATTERS - BOMBING

Re Manual of Instructions IV, Section 122, A,
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The following is the semi-annual letter required March 15, 1964. Delay in the submission of this letter is occasioned by the unusual heavy amount of expedite civil rights, election law and racial matter investigations presently being conducted in the New Orleans Division.

(1) CLAN ORGANIZATIONS, HATE ORGANIZATIONS, AND
INFORMANT COVERAGE

(a) Names of Klan and Hate Organizations
Active in Territory:

- (1) Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan
- (2) White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi
- (3) Louisiana Knights of the Ku Klux Klan
- (4) National States Rights Party (NSRP) no longer has active chapter at New Orleans, Louisiana however two active members reportedly remain in area

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- (b) Coverage of each Klan broken down by Klavern and each hate organization broken down into local chapters showing identities of informants and sources reporting on each:

ORIGINAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

[redacted] (Prob)
[redacted] (Prob)

Bastrop, Louisiana

[redacted] RI (Prob)

RAY SIRLEY (NA) Chief of Police

E. L. HINTON, Sheriff, Morehouse Parish

Bogalusa, Louisiana

[redacted] (Prob)
[redacted] RI (Prob)

Assistant Chief of Police CLAXON KNIGHT

Deputy Sheriff DOYLE HOLIDAY

Bush, Louisiana

[redacted] (Prob)
[redacted] RI (Prob)

Farmerville, Louisiana

[redacted]
[redacted] Union Parish, Louisiana

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Folsom, Louisiana

[REDACTED] (Prob)

[REDACTED], RI (Prob)

Jena and Olla, Louisiana

[REDACTED] (Prob)

DOYLE WINDHAM, Deputy Sheriff LaSalle Parish,
Louisiana

Monroe, Louisiana

[REDACTED] (Prob)

[REDACTED], RI (Prob)

Chief of Police JAMES C. HELLY (MA)

Sheriff BAILEY GRANT, Ouachita Parish
Sheriff's Office

Oak Grove, Louisiana

JOHN R. BUTLER, Sheriff, West Carroll Parish,
Louisiana

Pearl River, Louisiana

[REDACTED] (Prob)

[REDACTED], RI (Prob)

Ruston, Louisiana

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED], RI (Prob)

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[redacted], RI (Prob)

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Chief of Police C.O. OSBON

Sheriff JESSIE S. RISER, Lincoln Parish
Sheriff's Office

GEORGE SIMONTON (BA), Chief Deputy Lincoln
Parish Sheriff's Office

Slidell, Louisiana

[redacted] (Prob)

[redacted], RI (Prob)

Chief of Police EDWARD SCHILLICCI

Tallulah, Louisiana

C. E. HESTER, Sheriff Madison Parish

Vernado, Louisiana

[redacted] (Prob)

[redacted], RI (Prob)

Assistant Chief of Police CLAXON KNIGHT,
Bogalusa, Louisiana

DOYLE HOLIDAY, Deputy Sheriff, Washington
Parish Sheriff's Office

West Monroe, Louisiana

[redacted] (Prob)

Sheriff BAILEY GRANT, Ouachita Parish Sheriff's
Office

Deputy Sheriff E. L. WALKER, Ouachita Parish
Sheriff's Office

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WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI

Laurel, Mississippi

[redacted], BI (Prob)

Chief of Police L. C. NIX

Jackson, Mississippi

Assistant Chief of Police H. B. PIERCE

Natchez, Mississippi

[redacted], BI (Prob)

[redacted] (Prob)

[redacted]

Chief of Police J. C. ROBINSON

J. T. SHARRELL, Former Sheriff, Adams County

Yazoo City, Mississippi

[redacted], Attorney

[redacted] Businessman

LOUISIANA KU KLUX KLAN

[redacted]

[redacted] (BI) (Prob)

[redacted], BI (Prob)

NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY

Major PRESLEY J. TROUSCLAIR, Intelligence
Division, New Orleans Police Department

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 former PCI (BAC)(c) Estimated membership by Klan unit and basis for estimateORIGINAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN

The following estimates of membership of each Klan and unit was obtained from informants and sources:

Baton Rouge, Louisiana - unknown
Castrop, Louisiana - 75
Bogalusa, Louisiana - 100
Bush, Louisiana - 36
Farmerville, Louisiana - 50
Polson, Louisiana - 45
Jena and Olla, Louisiana - 100
Monroe, Louisiana - 116
Oak Grove, Louisiana - 12
Pearl River, Louisiana - 25
Ruston, Louisiana - 25
Shreveport, Louisiana - 10
Slidell, Louisiana - 50
Tallulah, Louisiana - 62
Varnado, Louisiana - 10
West Monroe, Louisiana - 20

WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI

The following estimates of membership in each Klan unit was obtained from informants and sources:

Laurel, Mississippi - 50
Jackson, Mississippi - 30
Natchez, Mississippi - 300-400
Yazoo City, Mississippi - 38

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LOUISIANA KU KLUX KLAN

The following estimates of membership was obtained from informants and sources:

Shreveport, Louisiana - 43

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According to Former PCI, two known members in New Orleans and no local unit known active.

(2) RACIAL INFORMANTS BY GEOGRAPHIC LOCATIONS

(a) Symbol numbers of all racial informants with indications to which are regularly paid:



Shreveport
(Prob) North Central Louisiana
(Prob) Southeast Louisiana

(b) Symbol number of each confidential source indicating those which are regularly paid:



New Orleans

(3) INDIVIDUALS UNDER PENDING INVESTIGATION

- (a) ROYAL VIRGIL YOUNG
Bufile-unknown
New Orleans file 157-713
- (b) JOHN DEASON SWENSON
Bufile 157-1483
New Orleans file 157-214
- (c) ROY LEE HOLDER
Bufile 157-1487
New Orleans file 157-235
- (d) DALE FOREST CARPENTER
Bufile 157-1481
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- (e) RICHARD RAYMOND RUTH
Bufile 157-1506
New Orleans file 157-614
- (f) RICHARD ALVIN BYRD
Bufile 157-1404
New Orleans file 157-1340
- (g) ROUSTON MORRIS
Bufile 157-1476
New Orleans file 157-1372
- (h) DENNIS WILLIAM FULLER
New Orleans file 157-1309
- (i) JACK SEALY
New Orleans file 157-1974
- (j) SAM BOWERS
New Orleans file 157-1971
- (k) S. P. HINTON
New Orleans file 157-1953
- (l) WADE TUCKER
Bufile 157-1455
New Orleans file 157-1367
- (m) BARNEY TUCKER
Bufile 157-1482
New Orleans file 157-1369
- (n) EUGAR NATHANIEL RAGSDALE
Bufile 157-1497
New Orleans file 157-1370
- (o) MURKEL DERNELL
Bufile-unknown
New Orleans file 157-1271
- (p) WALTER G. CURRY
Bufile 157-1302
New Orleans file 157-1373

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- (o) WALKER D. GAY
New Orleans file 157-1974
- (p) AARON G. WADE
Baton Rouge 157-1665
New Orleans file 157-1995
- (q) MURRAY HADWIN
New Orleans file 157-1598
- (r) J. H. POKORNÝ
New Orleans file 157-1975
- (s) PRICE GAY
New Orleans file 157-1994
- (t) THAD KENNETH HARRIST
New Orleans file 157-218

(4) POTENTIAL BOMBING SUSPECTS

NAME	NEW ORLEANS FILE NUMBER	BASIS OF SELECTION	OTHER AREAS CON- SIDERED SUSPECT	DESCRIPTION
JOSH TUCANO	62-3026	Reported member Subboard White Citizens Council and outspokenly anti-Negro		White male; PCG Mexico City; age 69; 5'8", partially bald; plaited hair; salivary secretion; tattoo on left arm initials "C.O." anchor and pair of scissors; mole on left side neck; cleft in chin; FBI # 608368A; resides Apt. E, 2527 Alvar St., New Orleans, La.; occupation— unemployed

NO 157-37/lov

NAME	NEW ORLEANS FILE NUMBER	BASIS OF SELECTION	OTHER AREAS CON- SIDERED SUSPECT	DESCRIPTION
KENNETH JOSEPH ANDREW MATTHEWS	157-1	Participated in bombings of Orleans Parish School Board building, New Orleans, Louisiana 11/30/68		White male; BOB [redacted] PCB New Orleans; 5'10" 150 lbs; black short wavy hair; brown eyes; small ears; good teeth, white & regular; medium build; dark complexion; 2½" scar right forearm; occupation, Shipping Dept. Standard Supply and Houseware Co., Inc.; 1405 S. Broad New Orleans; residence 1620 Dublin St., New Orleans; appears several years older than actual age.

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Brief description of activity or material			<p>Report of regular meeting of the Bogue Chitto Fishing and Rifle Club, (The White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi)</p>		

Remarks:

SEE ATTACHED**6-New Orleans**

1-157-1962
 1-157-2004
 1-157-dead GILBERT (Brookhaven, Miss.)
 1-157-1971
 1-157-1953

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 have cards on persons underlined
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 persons page 2 behind Ellisville.

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"March 18, 1964

"The Bogue Homa Fishing and Rifle Club met at its usual meeting place March 17, 1964 at 7:30 P.M. The charter was displayed and a report that 27 Klaverns were chartered March 15, 1964 in Brookhaven, Mississippi. It was also mentioned that Mr. Gilbert in Brookhaven is the state investigator in all the state activities and is the 1st to get the information on a major decision.

"The security leakage which last week was voted on to be turned over to the state, was intervened by our Grand Dragon or Wizard, whichever he is (Sam). He got together with the accused and gave him money and told him to leave town for at least 2 weeks. The E.C. and the Ass't. E.C. was upset about this. They thought the state should have carried it on to what was voted on.

"The evidence that is compiled against this man will be presented in open meeting with the man sitting in the middle of the room. A trial in other words, with any one that wants to can speak in his behalf. It was made plan however that this man would not be bodily harmed however, as was previously discussed. It 1st was discussed of chaining him, putting snuff & black pepper in his eyes and strapping him until he confessed. All they plan to do in open meeting is to present the evidence, and if he cannot disprove it, he will be led from the building and banished from the Klan forever.

"No other business will be discussed next week, only this one thing.

"After the security leakage is stopped, open meeting discussions of cross burning and other activity such as strapping will be voted on. At the moment only a select few know what really goes on. 1. Hinton - 2. Bishop - Paul Richards - Paul Thomas, Maurice Flowers, Coevan, Jerry Smith - Grady Chance.

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"Ellisville group was there last night making a total of 23 present. They have 4 to initiate Monday night, with one from Laurel joining them. They claim they have made great strides in expanding toward Moseley and Eastward. The preaches from down there, Mr. Stringer, game warden, the man with fingers off, Freeman at Freeman hardware and O. L. Nix at Rogers Auto Parts.

"The amendments to the constitutions is what is delaying it, along with the printers brother being very ill.

"The cross burnings in Ellisville was gloated over and an investigation of Zachary Johnson where a cross was previously burned is being investigated to see if he gets the strap.



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**KKK meeting on Morgantown Road, Natchez,
Miss.**

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 1-157-1962
 1-157-JACK SEALE
 1-157-ERNEST PARKER
 1-157-(FNU) FINLEY
 1-157-44
 1-157-O'DELL ANDERS
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AT NATCHEZ, MISSISSIPPIOn February 24, 1964:

At a meeting at the headquarters of the KKK on the Morgantown Road, Natchez, Mississippi, two practice hand grenades painted blue or gray in color were exhibited by JACK SEALE at the meeting on 2/24/64. These 2 practice grenades were carried in a blue canvas flight-type bag. A discussion was had by SEALE, ERNEST PARKER, and others, that the wax hole in the end of the grenade could be melted and the grenade filled with black powder. The hole could be tapped and plugged, thereby creating an explosive. The comment was made by JACK SEALE that the grenades came from the National Guard. SEALE made the comment that he had served six months at Goat Island in the penitentiary, just prior to his release from the U. S. Navy, and that the reason for his incarceration was that he had run over some Chinamen in a jeep while he was in the service.

There were no comments made as to how many grenades were in possession of the KKK.

One of the members named FINLEY who is employed by Magi-Bar advised that there was a private swearing-in in which only 3 or 4 members were present, at which time, Sheriff O'DELL ANDERS of the Adams County Sheriff's Office was sworn in as a member of the KKK.

It was determined that ERNEST PARKER had been the individual who had flown an airplane over Brookhaven, Miss., several weeks earlier from which KKK literature had been dropped.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-1962)

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DATE: 3/24/64

FROM : SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER

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SUBJECT: WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX
KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI
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[redacted] RI (Prob), who has furnished reliable information in the past and whose identity must be protected, furnished the following information on 3/13/64, which can be located in New Orleans file 157-1962-37.

Laurel, Mississippi
March 13, 1964

Advised that on 3/10/64, the Laurel Klavern (The Bogue Homa Hunting & Rifle Club) of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi, met at the regular meeting place. They discussed taking in new territory so that Ellisville and Calhoun, Mississippi could get enough new members to get a Charter. It was agreed that they could do this but would have to remain under the supervision of the Laurel group until they got the necessary number.

It was reported by the Secretary, LAWRENCE BYRD, that the Laurel Klavern now have enough paid up members to qualify for a charter. According to SAM BOWERS, Grand Dragon, the various charters will be issued in a State Wide meeting at Brookhaven, Mississippi on Sunday, 3/15/64. It was reported that some thirty (30) Klaverns will be chartered.

LAWRENCE BYRD, Secretary on 3/11/64 told informant confidentially that the leak had been identified and explained how they identified the person. The Klavern has

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1-157-dead LAWRENCE BYRD

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and be sure we have calls
on each person underlined in memo

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eight (8) group leaders, each leader has two or three members who work with him. They would plan to "Throw acid" on a car at Walgreen's Drug Store, and not tell anyone except the ones in that group, just prior to the time the acid was to be thrown the leader would call the incident off. They would then watch the area to determine if the police were in the area. This was done by each group and at a different time and place and they finally decided that they had the members identified. It seemed that on one or two occasions the police would be in the area when a particular member was in the group. BYRD did not identify the individual. He did say that the man must be trying to get in good with Chief L. C. NIX.

It has been reported that in addition to JERRY SMITH, (Laurel Policeman) there is another policeman in the Klavern. This man has never worn his uniform to the meetings.

The main group of members, who seem to make most of the decisions for the Klavern are GRADY CHANCE, Chance Texaco Service Station (EC), B. F. HINTON, Owner, Laurel Tile Company, MAURICE FLOWERS, Distributor, Jax Beer, JIM BISHOP, Weatherford Oil Tool Company, BOBBY WOOTEN, employee, Masonite Corporation, EDWARD M. COWAN, Patrolman, MHSP, C. P. CLARK, Clark Water Well Drilling, PAUL RICHARDS, McCullough Oil Tool Company, PAUL THOMAS, employment unknown and JOHN (LNU), who is a truck driver for Weatherford Oil Tool Company. LAWRENCE BYRD, Secretary, does not take a very active part in the business sessions.

He related that ten (10) new members would be sworn in at Calhoun of Friday night, 3/13/64.

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Meeting of the Bogue Homa Hunting & Rifle Club, (Laurel Klaver, The White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi)		

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"March 11, 1964

"The Bogue Homa Hunting & Rifle Club met at 7 P.M. March 10, 1964 in their regular meeting hall.

"The Secretary reported that we had more than enough to receive our Charter Sunday in Brookhaven.

"Of the 20 present it seemed that only ten really knew what was going on. The only discussion that was really open was the Ellisville group wants the opportunity to take in Mosselle & Ovett and grow so they too can receive a charter. This was also discussed of Calhoun, Big Creek & Soso. Permission was given for them to do this. However they would remain under this group until they were able to charter.

"Each time a name is submitted for membership an investigating team is to investigate and report before he will be allowed to join.

"The Grand Dragon stayed in another room, and was called out to say a few words. What he said was that the investigation was over on this security leak, and they knew who it was and who he reported to.

"He said he was in this room and we want to give him a chance to withdraw before any primitive action was taken in regards to it. He, the Grand Dragon said if he will step forward and take the withdrawal oath & leave he would be forgiven. He said this is no bluff, but a promise that action would be taken. Part of the

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oath was read, where it says that to violate this oath means, disgrace, dishonor and death. He then was given until noon March 11, 1964 to call the Grand Dragon. If he did not, and it was voted to turn it over to the state level and he would be dealt with from there. It was also said by one of the members that he had given this info to the Chief of Police, and another fellow who he thought was his friend but was not, and it got back to the Klan.

"The E.C. said after this culprit is gotten out of the club, the crosses would be burned or a rear torn up on schedule and not be just something to talk about in the club to keep the chief confused with the info he had been receiving.

"The man as they stated would not attend another meeting, but be dealt with this week.

"The ceremony team will bring in approximately ten new members in Calhoun community Friday night. They report 16 in that area now.

"The initiation ceremony team [redacted]
[redacted] consists of approximately 6 or 8 men. Several of these men have a copy of the initiation ceremony and all the oaths of which the men receive. [redacted]
[redacted]

"Last Thursday night we brought in 2 new members in Ellisville. Of course we went way out in the country to an old out house to perform the ceremony.

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<u>Swearing in of informant, identity of individuals present and information re business meeting.</u>		[redacted]

Remarks:

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1-157-1339
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1-157-ERNEST PARKER (Natchez, Miss.)
1-157-JACK SEAL (Natchez, Miss.)
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AT NATCHEZ, MISSISSIPPI

On February 17, 1964:

At a meeting on 2/17/64, at the Sportsmans Club on the Morgantown Road, Natchez, JEFF LUKE was sworn into the Ku Klux Klan (KKK). The chief of the Morgantown group in which LUKE was sworn in is ERNEST PARKER, and the oath was administered by DOUGLAS A. BYRD who was accompanied by JACK SEALE and a fourth individual whose name is not known. The four officers who acted in an official capacity at the swearing in, wore red smocks of cotton which appear to be similar to sheet material, and wore hoods of a slick material, similar to nylon. The guards who were stationed outside of the building, wore black hoods and black smocks.

The ceremony was very similar to a masonic initiation; however, a Bible was opened on the table in front of those being sworn in, on which a revolver and a dagger had been crossed. The officers conducting the ceremony initially advised those present of the aims and purposes of the organization, after which the individuals who were to be sworn in were told that if they so desired at this time, they might leave the building. No one left and at this time there was more praying on the part of the officials. It was pointed out that the organization was a non-violent organization but that they were in a position where they could whip people and, if necessary, have them disappear.

Following the last of the praying and formal ceremony, everyone in the room removed their hoods and the statement was made that they were now all klan members.

It was determined that the Sportsmans Club on the Morgantown Road where the ceremony was performed had dropped its application for a phone extension due to controversy over the name, inasmuch as there is a legitimate Adams County Sportsmen Club.

The following individuals were present at the swearing-in:

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**ERNEST PARKER, Palestine Road,
Natchez, Miss.;**

DOUGLAS A. BYRD;

BABY LEE PARKER;

JACK SEALE;

**Mr. G.T. LAMBERT, 103 Rushing Street,
Morgantown Road, employed Armstrong
Tire and Rubber Co., W/M about 55-60;**

**GRADY LEVERETTE, 204 LaSalle Street,
Natchez, Miss. (a Natchez, Miss. policeman);**

**WILLIE STROUD, lives at south end of
Pearl Street, across from a gun shop
(Natchez, Miss., policeman);**

**TOMMY JONES, Cloverdale Community,
near Natchez, Miss.;**

**"PEANUT" W. W. CARNELL, Mount Carmel
Subdivision, Morgantown Road, operates
a machine shop, on US Highway 61
North;**

**DAVID CARNELL, son of W. W. CARNELL,
employed in Scarborough's Machine
Shop, across the road from the KKK
Headquarters;**

**ROBERT MURRAY, lives #6 Quachita
Street, (lives in Natchez, is
Natchez, Miss. fireman);**

**SIDNEY E. HANEY, residence
Morgantown Road (head of
Citizens for the Preservation of the
White Race, Natchez, Miss.)**

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There were approximately five other members whose identity was unknown. It was determined this group has a membership of at least 40. The number of LUKE is 40-M.

The names of additional groups using the same headquarters are believed to be Sligo Group and the Cloverdale Group. It was definitely determined that there are four groups, and that of the four groups there are 300 - 400 members.

The following individuals are known to be members of the KKK, as this information was obtained from conversation with other members:

MARIO HERNANDEZ, Deputy Sheriff,
Adams County SO, Natchez,
Mississippi;

Captain J. G. WISNER, Natchez,
Miss. PD;

PETE HARVEY, employed SBT&TC, outside
maintenance department (installs and
maintains phones);

"TINY" LEWIS, operator of the Bar-B-Q
Pit, U.S. Highway 61 North (Colonel on
Governor Johnson's staff);

SHORTY BRELAND, employed International
Paper Company, resides Cannonsburg,
Miss.)

There were very many guns in evidence at the swearing-in meeting and it was determined that guards on the outside alternate on different nights.

It was determined that those individuals in the

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group interested in beating anyone would be on a voluntary basis and that no one would be required or designated to perform any particular beating.

Then following the swearing-in ceremony, there was a so-called business meeting and the only business that took place was a discussion over the fact there would be a charge of \$1 per month per member for a building fund; that the quarterly dues were to be either \$4.25 or \$4.50 and that the initiation fee would be \$10 and \$10 charged for the robes.

One other item which was discussed at the so-called business meeting was whether the organization could purchase pews from a church in Natchez to be used in the meeting hall.

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Brief description of activity or material:
Comments of ROYAL YOUNG re staff meeting
12/28/63, at YOUNG's residence. Meeting of
YOUNG with Klan leaders of Miss. held at
Vidalia, La. 1/11/64. Comments of YOUNG on
meeting to be held 1/12/64, at Baton Rouge
with unit leaders of that area and the
Klan staff meeting to be held at Baton
Rouge following the meeting with Klan unit
leaders.

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Remarks:

The information in this informant report is taken
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this file. The letter itself should be read for any further
details.

1 - 157-458
1 - 157- J. D. SWENSON
1 - 157-1372

1 - 157-E. S. GILBERT,
Brookhaven, Miss.

1 - 157- DOUGLAS BYRD
1 - 157- BILLY JACK CASTON
1 - 157- HAROLD BECKNER
1 - 157- JOHNNY HAROLD SIMMONS
1 - 157- WINFRED R. LOWERY

1 - 105-1057
1 - 157- ROYAL V. YOUNG, SR.
1 - 157-1300
1 - 157-1408
1 - 157- ALVIN SANSING
1 - 157- EDWARD L. McDANIEL, Natchez, Miss.

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- 1 - 157- KLAN TYPE ACTIVITY, BROOKHAVEN, MISS.

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Monroe, Louisiana
January 27, 1964

Royal V. Young made a few remarks on the Klan staff meeting held at his residence on a Saturday prior to January 11, 1964, and it appeared that the staff meeting to which he referred was probably held on Saturday, December 28, 1963. Young stated that at that staff meeting, there was a discussion of the current troubles regarding the split in the Klan. Young stated also, that he had pointed out to the staff members that he expected the three branches of the Klan to handle their respective functions: These three branches of the Klan referred to were to be headed up by the Grand Dragon, the National or Grand Kleagle, and Chief of the Klan Bureau of Investigation.

Young stated that he had received a letter some time prior to January 11, 1964, and had also received a telephone call from Alvin Sansing of Mississippi, and that Sansing wanted Young to attend a meeting with Mississippi Klan leaders to be held on January 11, 1964. Young stated that Sansing had told him that Douglas Byrd was not speaking for all of the Mississippi Klans when he told Royal Young that Mississippi Klans did not want to stay with the Original

Ku Klux Klan. Young stated that Sansing had told him that the Mississippi Klansmen did not want to follow the leadership of Douglas Byrd and Edward McDaniel. Young stated also, that Sansing had advised him that E. S. Gilbert, who had been associated with Byrd and McDaniel in connection with the split in the Klan, wanted to apologize to Young and the old original KKK and that Gilbert wanted to stay with the Klan headed by Young. Young did not make it clear who Alvin Sansing is and just what his connection with the Klan has been.

Royal Young and Charlie Pierson arrived in Vidalia, about 7:00 PM on January 11, 1964, for the Klan meeting to be held at the Shamrock Motel. The banquet room at the Shamrock had been reserved for this meeting and there were approximately 25 men present. Young introduced Pierson who was with him as his personal aid. Alvin Sansing was the spokesman for the Mississippi Klansmen at this meeting and the statement was made at the meeting that these men represented six different Klan units in Mississippi, and that they wanted to go forward with Royal Young to build the old Original Ku Klux Klan in Mississippi. The Mississippi group stated to Young that they wanted him to understand

There was a discussion at this meeting at Vidalia of the part that Douglas Byrd had played in the split in the Klan and the Mississippi Klan leaders present requested and received permission from Royal Young to take any steps necessary to prevent Byrd from interfering with Klan activities and the Klan leadership in Mississippi. The impression was given by the Mississippi Klan leaders present at this meeting that they would definitely take any action necessary to deal with Byrd.

Following are the names of some of the Mississippi Klan leaders present at this meeting:

Billy Jack Caston, Box 293, Telephone number 657-2431, Liberty, Mississippi, Grand Dragon of Mississippi.

Harold Beckmer, Telephone number 876-2302, Tylertown, Mississippi, Chief, Klan Bureau of Investigation of Mississippi.

Johnnie Harold Simmons, Route 4, Telephone number 876-3348, Tylertown, Mississippi, Grand Giant of Mississippi.

Winfred R. Lowery (a Baptist Minister), Johnston, Mississippi, Telephone number 276-7477, Grand Chaplain of Mississippi; the impression was given that Lowery belongs to a Klan unit at Summit, Mississippi.

Charlie Stringer, 209 Westview Circle, McComb, Mississippi, Telephone number 684-4416, Grand Kleagle of Mississippi.

Al Sibley, 502 Pearl River Avenue, McComb, Mississippi.

E. L. Caston, who apparently is a Sheriff or has recently been a Sheriff in an area of Mississippi near Natchez. Young picked E. L. Caston to be his personal aid in Mississippi. Comments made indicated^d that E. L. Caston and Billy Jack Caston are cousins. E. L. Caston stated to Young that he, Caston, had talked with the Governor of Mississippi, and that he would get a special permit from the Governor of Mississippi for the Chief of the Klan Bureau of Investigation and for Young and that they could use these permits to travel all over the State of Mississippi in an official capacity for the State of Mississippi.

The statement was made that the personal aid to Royal Young would have the authority to go anywhere at any time on Klan business and that the personal aid would be answerable only to Royal Young. It was said that Charlie Pierson, who accompanied Young to the meeting at Vidalia, was Young's personal aid in the State of Louisiana.

Royal Young had stated that he was worried about Robert Fuller and about Fuller getting money improperly from

the Klan units in the Monroe area. Young indicated that he was suspicious that Fuller was using Klan money for his own personal use, and Young stated that he planned to have Henry Irvin Bayles check on Fuller. Young stated that he was to meet with leaders of the various Klan units in the Baton Rouge area at Baton Rouge on Sunday January 12, 1964. He stated that following his meeting with the leaders with the various Klan units at Baton Rouge, he was holding a staff meeting at Baton Rouge, at which meeting he expected J. D. Swenson, Henry Irvin Bayles, Houston Morris, and Robert Fuller to be present. He stated that he would probably talk with Bayles after that meeting and have Bayles conduct the investigation on Fuller. Young made the statement that he still had not selected the Grand Giant for the Klan in Louisiana.

There were attained copies of official notices over Royal V. Young's signature in which Young notified Klansmen that he had revoked the commissions of Murray Martin as Grand Giant, and Grady Wilder as Provincial Giant. The official notice on Martin and Wilder charged that they were guilty of slandering and threatening the heads or leaders of the Klan and also of committing treason

by insighting or recommending a revolt to the principles of the old original rules and regulations. The notice stated that Martin and Wilder would never again hold an official position with the Old Original KKK. This notice was dated December 28, 1963.

There also was obtained a copy of the notice to all klansmen over the signature of Royal V. Young in which Young revoked the commissions and expelled the following klansmen:

Douglas A. Byrd, Natchez, Mississippi.

Edward L. McDaniel, Natchez, Mississippi

E. S. Gilbert, Brookhaven, Mississippi

The charges set forth in the notice indicated that they were guilty of the same type activity with which Martin and Wilder were charged.

There was obtained also a copy of a letter dated December 12, 1963, addressed to Klansmen over the signature of Mrs. Clotilde M. Young in which Mrs. Young expressed her views regarding Murray Martin and Grady Wilder and their action in opposing Royal Young as leader of the Klan.

Inasmuch as BILLY JACK CASTON, HAROLD BECKMER and
JOHNNIE HAROLD SIMMONS have been identified as leaders of
OKKKK in Mississippi, it is recommended that 157 cases be
opened on these persons so that complete background information
can be obtained.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-1962)

DATE: 3/17/64

FROM : SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER

FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

SUBJECT: WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI
RM

A characterization for future use regarding
captioned organization is needed.

A review of this file indicates that according
to [redacted] RI, a meeting was held on 2/15/64
at Brookhaven, Mississippi, which was attended by approxi-
mately 200 individuals. At this meeting, those present voted
to pull out of the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan
(Louisiana) because the Mississippi members felt that they
were not getting enough money which they had contributed to
the OKKKK returned to them.

Part 1, Page 65, paragraph D sets forth information
needed for a characterization of an organization:

- 1) Date it is formed.
- 2) Aims and purposes.

LEAD:

AT LAUREL, MISSISSIPPI

Will contact [redacted], RI, and obtain a
characterization of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

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Remarks:

This report is in addition to the written report submitted on
3/11/64.

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Ann Oursler
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Laurel, Mississippi
March 13, 1964

Advised that on 3/10/64, the Laurel Klavern (The Bogue Homa Hunting & Rifle Club) of The White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi, met at the regular meeting place. They discussed taking in new territory so that Ellisville and Calhoun, Mississippi could get enough new members to get a Charter. It was agreed that they could do this but would have to remain under the supervision of the Laurel group until they got the necessary number.

It was reported by the Secretary, LAWRENCE BYRD, that the Laurel Klavern now have enough paid up members to qualify for a charter. According to SAM BOWERS, Grand ~~KKKKKKKK~~ Dragon, the various charters will be issued in a State Wide meeting at Brookhaven, Mississippi on Sunday, 3/15/64. It was reported that some thirty (30) Klaverns will be chartered.

on 3/11/64,

LAWRENCE BYRD, Secretary, ~~KKKKKKK~~ told informant confidentially that the leak had been identified and explained how they ~~dkdx~~ identified the person. The Klavern has ~~Eight~~ (8) group leaders, each leader has two or three members who work with him. They would plan to "throw acid" on a car at Walgreen's Drug Store, and not tell anyone except the ones in that group, just prior to the time the acid was to be thrown the leader would call the incident off. They would watch the area to determine if the police were in the area. This was done by each group and at a different time and place and they finally decided that they had the members identified. It seemed that on one or two occasions the police would be in the area when a ~~particular~~ particular member was in the group. BYRD did not identify the individual. He did say that the man must be trying to get in good with Chief L. C. NIX.

~~EX~~ It has been reported that in addition to JERRY SMITH, (Laurel Policeman) there is another policeman in the Klavern. This man has never worn his uniform to the meetings.

The main group of members, who seem to make most of the decisions for the Klavern ~~are~~ are GRADY CHANCE, Chancer Texaco Service Station, (EC) B. F. HINTON, Owner, Laurel Tile Company, MAURICE FLOWERS, Distributor, ~~KKKK~~ Jax Beer, ~~IM BISHOP~~, Weatherford Oil Tool Company, BOBBY WOODEN, employee, Masonite Corporation, EDWARD M. CONAN, Patrolman, MHP, C. P. CLARE, Clark Water Well Drilling, PAUL RICHARDS, McCullough Oil Tool Company, PAUL THOMAS, employment unknown and JOHN (LNU), who is a truck driver for Weatherford Oil Tool Company. LAWRENCE BYRD, Secretary, does not take a very active part in the business sessions.

He related that ten (10) new members would be sworn in at Calhoun of Friday night, 3/13/64.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-1784)

DATE: 2/23/64

FROM : SA ROBERT F. COOPER, JR.

FOIA(b) (6)
FOIA(b) (7) - (C)
FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

SUBJECT: KKK KLAVERN
CRYSTAL SPRINGS, MISSISSIPPI
RM

Re memo of SA HUNTER E. HELGESON, 1/23/64.

This memorandum reports that on 1/22/64, [redacted]

[redacted] telephonically advised that he had developed information that there was a Klan organization in Crystal Springs, Miss., operating under the Gun and Rod Club. He said he knew they met on Thursday nights, but did not know where they were meeting.

He said that he would be willing to discuss this matter further with an agent.

On 2/14/64, [redacted]

was [redacted]

[redacted] interviewed [redacted]

He stated that in regard to the information that he had furnished an agent of this Bureau telephonically on 1/22/64, that he had made this call from his wife's parent's home in Jackson, Miss. to the Jackson Office of the FBI because he did not want to call from Crystal Springs, Miss. He stated that he felt that if it were known that he furnished information to the FBI in regard to this matter, it would make his position in Crystal Springs very difficult, and it would be very hard on his family.

He stated that he has no information that there is any Klan activities in Crystal Springs, Miss. of his knowledge, and that the only information he has in regard to Klan activities is the information set out below, which caused [redacted] to believe that possibly there were some Klan members in

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1 - NO 157-1100 (WHITE)
1 - NO 157-2001 (K.V. EDWARD MC LEMORE)
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Crystal Springs:

[redacted] pointed out that he has no use whatsoever for the KKK, but repeatedly requested that his identity not be disclosed in furnishing this information and requested that no individuals be contacted in this matter who had talked to [redacted] as set out in this memorandum.

[redacted] stated that the information that he has received is as follows:

He stated that approximately one year ago, Rev. HOWARD MC LEMORE, who has phone # 1479, Crystal Springs, Miss., but who lives across the street from the County Line, Baptist Church of which he is pastor, came to the County Line Baptist Church as its minister.

[redacted] stated that the County Line Baptist Church is located on old U. S. Highway 51, just outside of Hinds County, and just inside the Copiah County line.

[redacted] stated that he met MC LEMORE when MC LEMORE came to his present church, and that MC LEMORE had formerly served a Baptist Church in Meadeville, Franklin County, Miss. [redacted] stated that he does not know the name of the church MC LEMORE served there. [redacted] stated that he does know that MC LEMORE served as moderator of County-wide meetings of the Baptist Church that were held in Franklin County, Miss., which indicated that he was an individual of prominence in the Baptist Church. [redacted] stated that he would describe MC LEMORE as age approximately 34, white male, 5'10", 200 lbs., black hair. He has a family consisting of his wife, and three or four children, the oldest of the children being about 11 years old. [redacted] stated that MC LEMORE's wife comes from Jackson, Miss., but [redacted] does not know her name or her parents' name.

[redacted] advised that approximately two months ago, Mr. HULAN DEAR, who is a member of [redacted] church, the Highland Baptist Church of Crystal Springs, informed [redacted] that a Rod and Gun Club had been organized in Copiah County,

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and that he, HULAN DEAR, had been approached to become a member. DEAR indicated to [redacted] that Rev. HOWARD MC LEMORE was a member of the Rod and Gun Club, but that DEAR indicated that he did not become affiliated with the Club because of information that he, DEAR, had received from a Mr. SHERMAN, (first name not known to [redacted] who is a member of the County Line Baptist Church. [redacted] stated that as he recalled it, DEAR told him that SHERMAN had said that the Rod and Gun Club, mentioned above, had met at an old abandoned house on old Highway 51 just past the place that it crosses Highway 27 and off old Highway 51 onto old Bidlake Road.

[redacted] stated that he cannot more accurately describe just where the location of this house should be, because he received his information from DEAR and DEAR received his information from SHERMAN.

[redacted] stated that SHERMAN further told DEAR that on one occasion he saw two men wearing white helmets directing traffic by the house where the Rod and Gun Club was meeting. DEAR advised [redacted] that SHERMAN did not indicate the men had on uniforms or was there any insignia upon the helmets, other than just plain white helmets. According to [redacted] SHERMAN also related to DEAR, that the Rod and Gun Club held meetings on Thursday nights, and stated that on one occasion when he went by the place where they were having the meeting at night, the shades were drawn.

DEAR told [redacted] that although DEAR had no information to substantiate his belief, he felt that due to the above, that possibly the Rod and Gun Club may be active in Klan activities and that he, DEAR, wanted nothing to do with the organization.

[redacted] stated that as he recalls it, DEAR also indicated that SHERMAN had told him the County Line Baptist Church had sold some old seats and that the seats had been placed in the house where the Rod and Gun Club met. [redacted] said that he does not recall DEAR indicating that he had been advised by SHERMAN as to how many people met at the Rod and Gun Club. [redacted] said that DEAR indicated to him that the

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house being used by the Rod and Gun Club belonged to a Mr. THORNTON who lives in that area, first name unknown to [redacted]. [redacted] stated that he does not know THORNTON.

[redacted] stated that DEAR told him Mr. SHERMAN had not indicated that he knew of the information he furnished regarding the Rod and Gun Club from SHERMAN's own knowledge, but that SHERMAN had received it from someone else, not indicated to DEAR.

[redacted] advised that at the first part of 12/63, a member of [redacted] church, ELLIOT MC GREW, 20 or 21 years old, told [redacted] the following:

[redacted] said that MC GREW works at Tadlock's Garage located behind the Hub Grill which faces Highway 51 in Crystal Springs, Miss.

[redacted] stated that JULIUS HARPER, white male in early 50's, 6' tall, over 200 lbs., dark hair, is the owner of the Hub Grill.

ELIOT MC GREW asked [redacted] when [redacted] saw him in Mac's Cafe in Crystal Springs, if JULIUS HARPER and the Rev. HOWARD MC LEMORE were mixed up in the "Klu Klux". MC GREW said he asked this question because he had been seeing HARPER and the Rev. MC LEMORE on Thursday nights at the Hub Grill and that they were "cigar smoking and talking loud". MC GREW stated that there was a group that met with HARPER and MC LEMORE on the Thursday evenings, but did not say how many were in the group or what the group was.

MC GREW told [redacted] that for the above reason, he believed that MC LEMORE was mixed up "in something dirty".

[redacted] stated that he recalled after MC GREW had told him the above, MC GREW commented to BENSON that he, MC GREW, "hated MC LEMORE's guts". MC GREW did not indicate to [redacted] why he hated MC LEMORE's guts.

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[redacted] stated that MC GREW at that time went on to say that he, MC GREW, had seen a cross burn on Highway 51 at Crystal Springs, sometime in 11/63, and had seen a young fellow in a white 1956 Ford, tag not recall, stop and set up the cross, set it on fire, and leave in the car. MC GREW told [redacted] that the Crystal Springs Police were in a cafe some distance from where the cross was set out, but had, according to MC GREW, determined who had set out the cross.

[redacted] stated that he recalled the publicity of the cross burnings in Hinds and Copiah Counties on the night after the Auburn - Mississippi State football game in Jackson, Miss., and that apparently this was the time that MC GREW was referring to.

[redacted] stated he recalled telling MC GREW that if anyone had come around to [redacted] s house and with any such crosses, they would have all been laying on the ground after [redacted] got through with them.

[redacted] advised that he has not further talked with MC GREW since this time.

[redacted] stated that he is well acquainted with the Chief of Police at Crystal Springs, Miss., Mr. BOYCE FERGUSON. He said that FERGUSON is a Christian and a fine individual, who, in [redacted] opinion, would never have anything to do with any sort of klan activities, and would not tolerate any such activities in Crystal Springs if he could prevent it.

[redacted] stated that the thought has come to him since he had the conversation with MC GREW that MC GREW had thrown [redacted] a "bait" in order to "throw me to the dogs". [redacted] said that he meant by this, that MC GREW may have tryed to make it seem that [redacted] would come out publicly against klan activities which might cause him trouble in the area.

[redacted] stated that in thinking along the lines referred to above was prompted on the fact that in approximately 8/63, MC GREW's parents who are not members of [redacted] church, came to [redacted] and asked him to help them in a problem concerning their son, ELIOT MC GREW. [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that MC GREW's parents told him that they wanted him [redacted]

[redacted] stated that since MC GREW was a member of his church, he called MC GREW to the church on several occasions and talked with him and prayed with him, and finally, [redacted]

[redacted] stated that since that time, MC GREW has never been back to the Highland Baptist Church of which he is a member and [redacted] said he felt that possibly he may [redacted].

[redacted] said that he gave the information that he had received as has been indicated regarding HOWARD MC LEMORE, pastor of the County Line Baptist Church, a great deal of thought and prayer and on 1/20/64, as best he can recall, went to MC LEMORE's home and talked to him there.

[redacted] said that he told MC LEMORE that some people had asked [redacted] if MC LEMORE was a member of the KKK, and [redacted] said he asked MC LEMORE point blank whether MC LEMORE was a member of the Klan.

[redacted] said that MC LEMORE was extremely angry and upset and MC LEMORE told [redacted] that if any people had asked [redacted] if he was a member of the Klan, that they should come to him personally and tell him he was a member of the Klan and ask him if he was a member.

[redacted] said that MC LEMORE informed him that he, MC LEMORE was a member of a Rod and Gun Club, which met in the neighborhood which MC LEMORE lived, and that it was a hunting club. MC LEMORE stated that possibly the people who had told him, [redacted], that MC LEMORE was a member of the Klan, may have gotten the idea from the fact that MC LEMORE was in the Rod and Gun Club.

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[redacted] stated that MC LEMORE had no more to say after that and [redacted] left his home. [redacted] advised that MC LEMORE never did say he was or was not a member of the klan.

[redacted] stated that it is well known in Copiah County since MC LEMORE has been minister of the County Line Baptist Church, that MC LEMORE is a hunting enthusiast and that MC LEMORE goes all out for all sorts of hunting.

[redacted] said that he would regret it deeply if he has gone to MC LEMORE and asked MC LEMORE if he was a member of the klan, and in reality MC LEMORE was not affiliated with such an organization and was only a member of a Rod and Gun Club.

[redacted] stated that during the recent trial of BECKWITH, for the murder of the head of the NAACP, MEDGAR EVERE, MR. SHERMAN, the member of MC LEMORE's church, told HULAN DEAR, member of [redacted] church, who told [redacted], that MC LEMORE attended the BECKWITH trial every day and was very much outspoken in his belief that BECKWITH was being unjustly accused.

After the trial was over, [redacted] said MC LEMORE announced to his congregation that he was going to preach a sermon on the 13th amendment of the Constitution, and that he expected a large crowd to be at his church as there would be visitors other than his congregation. Also MC LEMORE had indicated that he had been interviewed by a representative of a nationally known magazine and had expressed his views against the trial of BECKWITH and his views for segregation.

The sermon promised by MC LEMORE was preached Sunday night, 2/9/64, and the church was full, but not crowded.

[redacted] advised that MC LEMORE constantly preaches sermons to his congregation against the Negroes which stirs them up and would indicate to [redacted] a lack of sincere dedication/the Church on the part of MC LEMORE.

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[redacted] stated that he had furnished this information to this Bureau as he felt that it was his duty to do so. He stated that he wanted to emphasize very strongly the necessity to avoid contacting any of the individuals who had furnished information as related above. He stated that any contact with them by agents of this Bureau, would of necessity disclose the fact that he had furnished the information to this Bureau.

He stated that he will remain alert to the situation in that area, and that if he receives any information regarding any klan activity, he will advise this Bureau.

On 2/14/64, Chief of Police BOYCE FERGUSON, Crystal Springs, Miss., advised that Crystal Springs has no credit bureau.

Mr. FERGUSON advised that JULIUS HARPER, is a former Sheriff of Copiah County and operates a cafe at Crystal Springs. He said that HARPER has no record with his Dept..

FERGUSON advised that HOWARD MC LEMORE, is a Baptist minister and is pastor of the County Line Baptist Church in Copiah County a few miles above Crystal Springs on old Highway 51.

Chief FERGUSON advised that to date, his sources have furnished him no information as to any klan activities in the Crystal Springs area, but that he believes he will be if any such activities occur.

FERGUSON advised that after the Miss. State - Auburn football game which was on a night in 11/63, a cross had been burned on Highway 51 in Crystal Springs and one in the area near the railroad tracks in Crystal Springs. FERGUSTON stated that he and his department had been unable to determine who had burned the crosses, but that he had no information that they had been burned by local individuals and that he felt they were the work of persons that had attended the football game from Alabama.

FERGUSON said he understands there is a hunting club which meets near the Copiah County - Hinds County line in Copiah County, but he has never received any information that it operates in any way other than a hunting club.

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On 2/14/64, Sheriff HERBERT DEATON, Copiah County SO, Hazlehurst, Miss., advised that since the cross burning episode, when one or two crosses were burned in Copiah County after the Miss. State - Auburn football game, he has alerted his sources in order that he will be advised of any klan activities in the county. He stated that he believed that he would be informed when any such activity occurs.

He stated that he has heard that there was some type of hunting club in the county, but that he had little information to date regarding the activities or membership of the hunting club.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

From the above information, it would appear that considerable anomosity exists between informant [] and the Rev. HOWARD MC LEMORE, as indicated by the information furnished by []. In view of the lack of information, this case should be placed in a closed status at this time, subject to be reopened in the event information is received to substantiate that klan activities are in Copiah County through sources of this office.

A copy of this memo has been designated for the klan control file, 105-1057.

A copy has been designated for file 157-1163 (BECKWITE) in view of MC LEMORE's interest in the BECKWITH trial.

A copy has been designated for a 157 file for Rev. HOWARD MC LEMORE, which should be made as a dead file.

A copy has been designated for a dead file for JULIUS HARPER.

It is recommended that the dead files be made for MC LEMORE and [] for any information received that may indicate that they are active in klan activities.

This memo should be routed to SA CALLENDER, coordinator of klan activities and reports for this office, for his information.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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The title of this case is marked changed to add the name Louisiana Rifle Association under which name the OKKKK has an account at the Louisiana Bank and Trust Co., Shreveport, La.

REFERENCE

Report of SA MERRIMAN D. DIVEN, 9/30/63 at New Orleans.

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Will make inquiry at the Louisiana Bank and Trust Company and examine the account of the Louisiana Rifle Association.

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AT MONROE, LOUISIANA

Will make inquiry at the Central Savings Bank
and Trust Company and examine the account of the Monroe
Hunting and Fishing Club.

AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

Will continue to follow and supervise the
investigation and reporting of the activities of the OKKKK
in the New Orleans Division.

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INFORMANTSIDENTITY OF SOURCE

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One copy of this report is being furnished to
the other offices previously indicated for information purposes
in view of klan activities in their areas.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Report of: SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER Office: NEW ORLEANS
 Date: March 12, 1964

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Title: ORIGINAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
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Character: RACIAL MATTERS

Synopsis: Organizational breakdown of Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (OKKK), setting forth the chain of command obtained. According to this breakdown a realm (State) is divided into three divisions, namely the organizational executive and security divisions. ROY E. DAVIS, Dallas, Texas, is still Imperial Wizard, however, in name only, and ROYAL VIRGIL YOUNG, SR., of McDade, Louisiana, is Imperial Dragon and actually runs the OKKKK. Officers OKKKK identified and set forth as well as officials for the State of Mississippi. YOUNG claims membership from 1500 to 2913 individuals. Some of the aims of the OKKKK are white supremacy, state sovereignty, segregated schools. Organization maintains bank account, Shreveport, La., and as of 12/63 YOUNG was reportedly receiving \$1,900 to \$2,500 per month in dues and membership fees. In December, 1963 treasury reportedly contained \$1,700. OKKKK alleged to be active in political matters in Louisiana. In September, 1963, rally held near Olla, La., at which time YOUNG spoke about the dangers of any violence and emphasized that under no circumstances would violence of any type be allowed or tolerated. Another rally held 11/18/63 near Rayville, La., at which rally it was indicated that the OKKKK would participate in non-violent action to prevent any form of racial integration. Numerous crosses burned south Louisiana evening of 1/18/64 to stimulate lagging interest. Starting in November, 1963 sources reported that factionalism developed in the OKKKK primarily over YOUNG's handling of finances and as a result ROBERT SHELTON of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, head of the United Klans of America, had been in contact with various OKKKK units in north Louisiana who defected from the OKKK, attempting to get these units to affiliate with the United Klans. In January, 1964 information

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received that ROBERT FULLER, a leader in the OKKKK at Monroe, La., is attempting to take over as head of organization from YOUNG. Infiltration of the OKKKK of law enforcement and the identities of officers set forth. Location and identities of leaders of OKKKK units in Louisiana and Mississippi set forth.

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DETAILS:

The Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, hereinafter referred to as the OKKKK, the United Klans of America, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan and the Association of Arkansas Klans, are characterized in the appendix section of this report.

I. Organizational Structure

A. Organizational Breakdown

NO T-1 advised on December 4, 1963 that the following is an organizational breakdown setting forth the chain of command in the OKKKK which has been formulated by ROYAL VIRGIL YOUNG, SR., the Imperial Dragon.

The OKKKK is a Christian militant organization and the membership is restricted to those of the Christian faith. The overall organizational structure is similar to the military chain of command.

IMPERIAL WIZARD

The leader of the OKKKK is known as the Imperial Wizard who is the supreme commander and all of the mandates and orders of the Imperial Wizard shall be carried out by the officers and members.

IMPERIAL DRAGON

The second in command of the OKKKK is known as the Imperial Dragon whose duties will consist of carrying out all of the instructions and mandates issued by the Imperial Wizard.

The Imperial Dragon in turn passes these instructions issued by the Imperial Wizard to the members who make up the top governing body of the OKKKK which body is known as the National Concilium or National Council.

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NATIONAL CONCILIAM

The National Conciliam consists of five officials of the OKKKK known as the National Dragon, National Chaplin, National Giant, National Kleagle and National Klan Bureau of Investigation (KBI).

To become a national officer and a member of the National Conciliam, an individual must have been a loyal member of the OKKKK for a period of three years, an officer in any of the realms of the OKKKK and demonstrate that he is capable of giving orders as well as taking orders and see that these orders are carried out.

There is currently one member of the National Conciliam, the National Kleagle (Organizer) and until such time as the other four officers of the Conciliam are filled, the Imperial Dragon will meet with various officers in the realms of the OKKKK.

The officials who make up the National Conciliam are superior to the officers of the realm and shall be respected and their orders obeyed and these orders issued must be carried out without any questions being asked.

THE REALM

The next division in the OKKKK is the realm. A realm consists of a state in the United States of America which has five or more chartered units of the OKKKK. These units are chartered by the Imperial Dragon and have a unit to receive a charter. This unit must have 50 or more members. A unit can have up to 100 members at which point a new unit must be started.

DIVISIONS OF THE REALM

There are three divisions of the realm namely the Organizational Division, the Executive Division, and the Security Division.

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A. ORGANIZATIONAL DIVISION

This division will be in charge of an individual known as the Grand Kleagle who in turn is under the jurisdiction of the National Kleagle. The duties of the Grand Kleagle will be to organize and establish new units and to see that these newly established units expand in membership until such time as they are chartered. As the units are chartered the supervision of these units are then turned over to the Executive Division of the Realm.

B. EXECUTIVE DIVISION

The Chief Executive Officer of the Realm is known as the Grand Dragon. He is in charge of all executive duties and operations of the various units in the realm. The Grand Dragon is under the authority of the National Dragon and the Imperial Wizard.

The Assistant to the Grand Dragon is known as the Grand Giant.

The Realm is broken down into four provinces which are in charge of a person known as a Provincial Giant and these Provincial Giants are under the jurisdiction of the Grand Giant.

C. SECURITY DIVISION

The Security Division of the Realm is known as the Klan Bureau of Investigation (KBI).

The KBI is headed by an individual known as the Chief KBI and is under the jurisdiction of the Grand Dragon.

The Chief KBI will have four Deputies under him and each Deputy KBI will be assigned to one of the four provinces in the Realm and will be in charge of all matters pertaining to security in their respective provinces.

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When the Grand Dragon issues an order to the Chief KBI to carry out a project or to investigate a matter, the Grand Dragon will in turn leave the Chief KBI alone until the project has been completed and the results furnished.

The manner in which the investigation is conducted is strictly up to the Chief KBI. It is his business to see that the job is done and he alone is strictly responsible to see that the project has been completed.

The above offices are to be filled by persons recommended by officials of a superior rank. When a person is recommended he must be approved by the members of the National Concilium and thereafter interviewed and questioned by the Imperial Dragon and the Imperial Wizard. If the individual meets with the approval of the Imperial Wizard he is then commissioned by the Imperial Wizard.

EXALTED CYCLOPS

An Exalted Cyclop will be in charge of each unit in the Realm and will be in charge of the officers of the unit. The officers of the units are to be elected by the members and are the only elected officials of the OKKKK.

No rules or edicts of the OKKKK can be changed unless by the express orders of the Imperial Wizard.

B. HEADQUARTERS

NO T-1 advised on November 27, 1963 that the headquarters for the OKKKK is considered to be the residence of ROYAL VIRGIL YOUNG, SR., the Imperial Dragon who resides at Route 1, Mc Dade, Louisiana. Various business of the OKKKK is also conducted from the Bossier Plumbing and Heating Company, 408 Traffic Street, Bossier City, Louisiana which is operated by JACK YOUNG, a brother of ROYAL VIRGIL YOUNG, SR.

C. OFFICERS

NO T-1 advised on November 27, 1963 that ROY E. DAVIS of Dallas,

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Texas is still the Imperial Wizard of the OKKKK although in name only. As a result ROYAL VIRGIL YOUNG, SR., the Imperial Dragon is acting in the capacity of the Imperial Wizard and is actually the head of the OKKKK.

NO T-2 advised on January 6, 1964 that a meeting of the officers of the OKKKK was held on December 26, 1963 at the residence of ROYAL VIRGIL YOUNG, SR., Route 1, Mc Dade, Louisiana. At this meeting the following individuals were named as the National Officers of the OKKKK beginning January 1, 1964:

ROYAL V. YOUNG, SR.
Imperial Dragon

J. D. SWENSON
National Kleagle
Bossier City

ROBERT FULLER
Monroe, Louisiana
Chief KBI

CHARLIE PIERSON
Monroe, Louisiana
Assistant Chief KBI

HOUSTON MORRIS
Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Grand Kleagle

HENRY IRVIN BAYLES
Monroe, Louisiana
Grand Dragon

JACK YOUNG
Grand Chaplin

D. OFFICERS FOR THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

NO T-2 advised on January 13, 1964 that the following officers of the OKKKK for the State of Mississippi attended a

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meeting on January 11, 1964 at Vidalia, Louisiana:

BILLY JACK CASTON
of Liberty, Mississippi
The Grand Dragon

HAROLD BECKMER
of Tylertown, Mississippi
Chief KBI

JOHNNIE HAROLD SIMMONS
of Tylertown, Mississippi
The Grand Giant.

WINIFRED R. LOWERY
Johnston, Mississippi
The Grand Chaplin

CHARLIE STRINGER
of Mc Comb, Mississippi
The Grand Kleagle.

At this meeting, ROYAL VIRGIL YOUNG, SR., the Imperial Dragon chose E. L. CASTON of Liberty, Mississippi as the personal aid for the State of Mississippi. CASTON who is a former Sheriff in Amite County, Mississippi, remarked that he had talked with the Governor of Mississippi and as a result would obtain a special permit from the Governor so that the Chief KBI and also YOUNG could travel throughout the State of Mississippi in an official capacity.

E. MEMBERSHIP

NO T-2 advised on November 6, 1963 that there had been a change in recent months in the number of members necessary before a unit of the OKKKK could obtain a charter. It was formerly necessary to have 50 members before a charter would be issued to the unit, however, in towns where the population is less than 2,000 individuals, a charter would be issued when the membership of the unit reaches 25. It is still necessary in towns and cities of over 2,000 to have 50 members before a charter would be issued. NO T-2 advised that units of the OKKKK are reportedly located in the following towns in Northern Louisiana:

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Monroe

West Monroe

Calhoun

Sterlington

Choudrant

Bastrop

Oak Grove

Lake Providence

Tallulah

Delhi

Rayville

Winnsboro

Sicily Island

Jonesville

Jena

Olla

Winnfield

Jonesboro

Farmerville

Homer

Minden

Bossier City

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NO T-3 advised on December 16, 1963 that a state meeting of the OKKKK was held at Columbia, Louisiana on December 12, 1963. At this meeting ROYAL VIRGIL YOUNG, SR., the Imperial Dragon, claimed that the membership of the OKKKK consisted of 2913 individuals.

NO T-2 advised on January 13, 1964 that at a meeting of the OKKKK held on January 11, 1964 at Vidalia, Louisiana, ROYAL VIRGIL YOUNG, SR., the Imperial Dragon, claimed that there were 1500 dues paying members of the OKKKK.

II. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

NO T-1 furnished on September 8, 1963 a one page leaflet entitled "50 Reasons Why You Should Be A Member of the Original Ku Klux Klan. By: R. E. Davis, Sr., Imperial Wizard".

A copy of this leaflet follows:

FIFTY REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD BE A MEMBER OF THE ORIGINAL KU KLUX KLAN. By

R. E. DAVIS, SR.
IMPERIAL WIZARD.

- 1-Because the Klan is a great, legal American Institution of Americas.
 - 2-Because it is the only organization on earth where only native-born, White, Gentile American citizens make up its membership.
 - 3-Because it is a militant Christian organization, opposed to all forms of Atheism.
 - 4-Because it throws its strong arm of protection around your family in your absence.
 - 5-Because it believes in and fights for White Supremacy.
 - 6-Because it saved the South twice, and will save it again and again.
 - 7-Because it is composed of HE men and not silly dilly humans.
 - 8-Because it is founded deep in the tenets of the Christian religion.
 - 9-Because it is an open supporter of the Constitution.
 - 10-Because it is the ONE organization fighting for repeal of the Segregation ruling by the Supreme Court of the United States.
 - 11-Because it believes in and fights for state sovereignty.
 - 12-Because it is neither Democratic or Republican, politically, but ALWAYS AMERICAN.
 - 13-Because it fights for the glory of the flag and for the rights of free men.
 - 14-Because it believes in law and order and good government.
 - 15-Because it exalts principle above men.
 - 16-Because it stands for segregated schools, NOW and ALWAYS!
 - 17-Because it is opposed to intermarriages between niggers and White people. Several states have already legalized such marriages, and more are to follow.
 - 18-Because it believes that the White race is God's race through which He wants to maintain a just civilization.
 - 19-Because it believes the Bible doctrine of the separation of the races.
 - 20-Because it believes that Judaism is not the religion of the Bible, but that it is a set of principles for the purpose of elevating the Christless Jew beyond the White races.
 - 21-Because it has an effective program against Socialism and Communism.
 - 22-Because it believes the highest type of citizenship is Christian citizenship.
 - 23-Because it believes all Constitutional changes are to be made by Congress alone.
 - 24-Because it believes in getting the United States out of the United Nations.
 - 25-Because it believes that every preacher holding a congregation but who teach integration should retire from his pulpit, either willingly or be forced out.
 - 26-Because it is opposed to forcing defenseless children to have nigger playmates.
 - 27-Because it believes in free speech and free press, as opposed further to a police state.
 - 28-Because we believe it to be the most effective way to fight all forms of subversion.
 - 29-Because we oppose niggers teaching White children in public schools, which they will do in all integrated schools before long.
 - 30-Because it is the most effective way to fight organized crime in a community.
 - 31-Because it teaches men should love their own wives and let the other fellows alone.
 - 32-Because it is opposed to Loan Sharks charging an unlawful rate of interest to the poor people.
 - 33-Because it believes in trials by jury.
 - 34-Because it does not endorse either the Republican or Democratic parties politically as such, but does support candidates in both parties when said candidates stand for a 100% Americanism.
 - 35-Because it believes that if integration is to be considered, that the issue should be submitted to the American voter for their decision.
 - 36-Because it teaches that every school teacher in our public schools should be retired who believes in and teaches integration of the black and White races.
 - 37-Because it stands for the disenfranchisement of all foreigners who have not been in America for the same length of time required our own boys and girls to reach legal voting age.
 - 38-Because it stands for segregation on inmates in penal institutions, especially the juveniles.
 - 39-Because it opposes free Communist literature being sent through the United States mail to Americans.
 - 40-Because it is unalterably opposed to the Zionist Jew program.
 - 41-Because it is opposed to the Anti-Defamation league in all respects.
 - 42-Because it knows the United Nations Charter has usurped the Constitution of these United States, and we are trying to get the United States out of the UN.
 - 43-Because it was here YESTERDAY, and is here TODAY, and will be here FOREVER.
 - 44-Because it stands against UNESCO in its attempt to rewrite our American history.
 - 45-Because it is opposed to a police state which robs the individual of his rights.
 - 46-Because it does not believe that education is THE remedy for our political ills.
 - 47-Because it is opposed to any government professing to be friendly to America, while at the same time trading with any communist-dominated country.
 - 48-Because it is opposed to taxation without representation.
 - 49-Because it is opposed to the income tax laws as presently existing.
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NO T-1 in December, 1963, furnished the oath of allegiance administered to new members of the OKKKK. A copy of this oath of allegiance follows:

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

SECTION I - OBEDIENCE.

I swear that I will determinedly... maintain peace and harmony... in all the deliberations... of the gatherings or assemblies... of the E.O. and of any subordinate jurisdiction... thereof.
I swear that I will ~~not~~ strenuously... discourage selfishness... and political ambition on the part of myself... or any man. I swear that I will never allow... any personal friendship... blood or family relationship... nor personal... political... or professional prejudice... malice nor ill will... to influence me... in casting my vote... for the election or rejection... of any applicant... or member ship in this Order. God being my helper.

A MEN!

SECTION II - SECRECY.

I most solemnly swear... that I will forever... keep sacredly secret... the signs, words, and prop... and any and all other... offices... and knowledge of the ~~***~~, regarding which... a most rigid secrecy... must be maintained... which may at any time... be communicated to me... and will never divulge same... nor even cause the same to be divulged... to any person in the world... unless I know positively that such person... is a member of this Order... and nor even then... unless it be for the best interest... of this Order.

I most solemnly vow... and most positively swear... that I will never fail to Uribe... Malate... threats... passions... punishment... persecution... persuasion... nor any inticements what ever... coming from or offered by... any person or persons... male or female... for the purpose of... obtaining from me... a secret or secret information... of the ~~***~~. I will die rather than divulge same... so help me God.

A MEN!

SECTION III - FLUENCY.

(You will say I pronounce your name in full, and repeat after me.)

I swear God... and in the presence of... these mysterious ~~***~~... my sacred honor... most solemnly pledge... promise

...to defend... and serve... my God... my Country... my honor... to uphold its flag... its constitution... and constitutional laws... and will protect... defend... and enforce same unto death.

I will always, at any and all times... and in all places... help... aid and assist the duly constituted officers of the law... in the proper per-

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A MEN!

SECTION IV - ISHNESS.

You will say I pronounce your name, and repeat after me.)
Most solemnly pledge, promise and swear... that I will never be a fraud... a deceiver... or in any manner wrong... the same to be done... if I can prevent it. I swear that I will be faithful in defending and protecting... the honor... reputation... and physical and business... of a man... and that of a woman's family. I swear that I will... at any time... without being staking... go to the assistance of a man's family... in any way... at HIS call... will answer... will be truly... ish toward a man in all things he honorable.

I swear that I will never allow... any animosity... friction nor illwill... to arise and remain... between myself... and a man... but will be constant... in my efforts... to promote real... ishness among the members... of this Order. I swear that I will keep secure to myself... a secret of a man... when same has been committed to me... in sacred band of man ship. The crime of violating this sole no oath... treason... a son of the United States of America... rape... and malicious murder... alone excused.

I most solemnly assert and affirm... that to the government of the United States of America... and any state thereof... of which I may become a member... I sincerely vow an unqualified allegiance... above any other... and every kind of government... in the whole world. I help... and now... pledge my life... my property... my vote... and my sacred honor... to uphold its flag... its constitution... and constitutional laws... and will protect... defend... and enforce same unto death.

I will always, at any and all times... and in all places... help... aid and assist the duly constituted officers of the law... in the proper performance of their legal duties.

I swear that I will most resolutely... shield and preserve... by any and all... justifiable means and method... the sacred constitutional rights... and privileges of free speech... free press... separation of church and state... free segregation public schools... SUPREMACY... just law... against any encroachment... of any nature... by any person or persons... political party or parties... religious... or people... naturalized or foreign... of any race color... creed... lineage or tongue whatsoever.

All to which I have sworn by THIS OATH... I will faithfully bind... thee... thee my witness Almighty God.

A MEN!

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III. PUBLICATIONS

On November 23, 1963, Mr. DAN J. NICHOLAS, a prominent businessman, Yazoo City, Mississippi, made available a pamphlet entitled "The Peoples Voice". Mr. NICHOLAS stated that this pamphlet was distributed to various residences in Yazoo City, Mississippi on November 15, 1963 and again on November 7, 1963 by unknown klan members.

A copy of the above described pamphlet follows:

FIRST EDITION OF

THE PEOPLES VOICE

(OUR ONLY OBLIGATION IS TO GOD AND THE UNITED STATES)

(Creed of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.)

CITIZENS OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, AND THE SOUTH:

We know that we have come late and that time is fast running out for all free people, wherever they may be. Open war has been declared against every white Caucasian human being in the United States by the Communist, and is being initiated and carried out by an all-powerful federal government, under the leadership of comrades John and Bobby Kennedy and their star general, Comrade Martin Luther King. General King does not only intend to destroy and enslave the white race, but he is going to sell his own ignorant negro race to the Communist as well.

The NAACP really means: National Association American Communist Party. Core is just a name to create confusion to you, the white people, and to milk more money from the ignorant negro that did not join the NAACP. As of this day, the white people of the United States of America are the most discriminated-against people in the world, by their own government. It's ironic that we should pay all the bills for our own destruction..

This battle can still be won! The only thing that can stop us is your apathy, which means that you have always been willing to sit on your backsides and let someone else do the work for you while you tried to profit by whatever was going on. Well, you see what it has gotten you. You have "nominated" yourself right into the clutches of the communist and what will be your enslavement as well, unless you awaken.

Citizens, if we eliminate the communist from our county, state, southland, and country, the battle will be won. Integration is only a sham, perpetrated by the Communistic head of our federal government. They hate and despise the negro much more than you and I ever have. To these ruthless power-hungry mongrels, the negro is just a tool to be used in any way they see fit to gain more power and to create a bloc vote. The average negro is stupid enough to fall for this because he thinks that in the end he is going to get something for nothing — and he is — he's going to find out that he has been sold the same way you and I have been, which really makes you and me the stupid ones, for letting things go this far.

You can help us now, by finding out who is teaching your child and what they are teaching him in the classroom and in Sunday school; by examining your local news-stand and the literature it displays; and, by checking the movie that is playing at your local theatre before you allow your child to spend your money to see that movie. If there is any doubt, keep your child at home. You will be doing him as well as your country a favor. Go to the local library and see what kind of books they have. If you find anything of Communist inspiration, (and you will) tell the librarian, then get the word to us. You will be placed on the list as one to be protected. We already know what they have on display. We need your help to have it disposed of. If a merchant you have traded with, or are trading with

now, sympathizes with the negro, or in many cases here in this state, hires the negro in preference to white men, stop trading with him immediately. There are many good white men, young and old, who would appreciate these jobs and work hard to keep them. Should you view any program on television slanted, in any form, towards integration or communism and against the white race, it is your duty to definitely stop buying the products of the sponsors of these programs.

In time of war, many who are innocent must suffer as you and I have already suffered.

If you don't think this is war, you are very wrong — and the best tool the communist can ever have. The Communist and his approach to our destruction through the negro, can be brought to a sudden stop in the South and throughout the nation by extreme economic pressure. These are the findings and conclusions of our most educated and informed leaders. In their opinion, it is our most effective weapon, and should be used by everyone. As of now, this date, a complete boycott of any and all business establishments that leans towards employing, for any and all positions, negroes instead of white people, is initiated. The above actions will be, very soon, initiated and carried out throughout the South and the nation in organized form. The day of reckoning is now. You must choose sides. Are you an American, or have you been brainwashed into becoming a gutless coward, no longer masters of your own destiny?

For a short period of time, we shall refrain from calling names of people we know to be Communist sympathizers in order to give them time to get right or to move out, since they are not fit to live with decent honest American citizens. If they refuse to do so, then you, the people, will be given their names, backgrounds, dealings, and actions. Should you after this information has been presented refuse to stop associating and dealing with these people, then we shall, without fear or failure, ride them out of this county and state, tarred and feathered, on a rail.

At present, the KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN is very young — in its rebirth. Our forefathers disbanded this organization in 1930 because they had overcome the reconstruction era. They had a long, hard fight then, just as we have one now, but they won just as we shall win because their cause was just and because our cause is just. Our number is large even though we are young. If you know one of us it is because we want you to know him. So that the ones of us that you can never know can work in secret. Because in our secret membership lies our strength. Today, we have the largest underground police force on earth. They are men and women such as you who are doing their country and themselves a great honor in the very highest of traditions without pay. They are in all places and hear all things, many of which are taped recordings of highly secretive meetings of the white and black generals of the Communist armies. We have photographs, documented proof, recorded

phone conversations, names, date, and plans such as "M" Day, which were procured at the risk of these courageous men's and women's lives. All of these we intend to present to you the people, when we feel that you the people have had enough of this "crap" to do you for the next 500 years. These facts will be presented to the local and state law enforcement officers when we feel that we have the right kind of personnel in these positions to take proper actions on these things. We know that we have many good men in these positions already, but more of this kind are needed. These good ones need the backing and support of the majority of the people, and not the minority. We wish these officers to know that they have a small but growing army behind them. They have but to ask, and this army will do their bidding and take orders. We shall never take the law into our own hands until all else has failed, because when we do we shall not fail or be afraid of any force regardless of its size or denomination, and if one of us fall in battle ten more shall appear to take his place. We have no fear of federal jails or power because we know full well that this power will protect honest Christian law abiding citizens of these United States as it is placed back into the hands of the people where it belongs, and it shall be so done in the near future.

We know that we shall be "downed" and accused by some in order that they save themselves from your wrath when they are exposed to you by us. It has always been so. Citizens, we come to do and we shall...

We are one of you. You are probably discussing or reading this with one of us. We ask your cooperation and your prayers in all our undertakings. All our undertakings and work shall be honorable and to the benefit of all the people.

In the next four-year election which will be in 1967, we will have 50,000 members. We will elect to office men who cannot be bought or sold, and we shall remain constantly in their aid to see that they are not molested or intimidated while doing their duties according to the Constitution of the United States of America.

This is not a state organization. Our membership extends throughout the South and the nation, and is growing rapidly. It is the only organization trained and armed to fight in any manner necessary to win and it has the guts needed to overcome oppression. In order to join the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan you must be a white Caucasian and of a Protestant faith with good character and habits. You must also believe in the constitution of the United States of America above all things except God, and willing to die for same without question.

As we retire now back to the Invisible Empire, we leave you with this thought.

"No man stands taller than when he refuses to bow down."

Thank You,

KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
Citizens of the invisible Empire

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IV. FINANCES

NO T-1 advised in December, 1963 that ROYAL VIRGIL YOUNG, SR., the Imperial Dragon of the OKKKK, maintains a bank account for the organization at the Louisiana Bank and Trust Company, Shreveport, Louisiana, under the name of the Louisiana Rifle Association. YOUNG is allegedly receiving between \$1,900 and \$2,500 a month in dues and membership fees, and that from this amount he pays his wife \$200 per month to handle the correspondence for the OKKKK.

NO T-2 advised in December, 1963 that as of December 11, 1963, there was alleged to be \$1,700 in the treasury of the OKKKK.

NO T-2 advised on January 6, 1964 that Mrs. ROYAL VIRGIL YOUNG, SR., of Route 1, McDade, Louisiana, is the bookkeeper for the OKKKK and is charged with the maintaining of the financial records. When money is received from the various klan units, Mrs. YOUNG issues receipts for the money received to the secretaries of the various units.

NO T-2 advised that according to Mrs. YOUNG, several klan units had withheld sending money for the past two months because of a split which had developed in the OKKKK, and that during the year 1963, approximately \$8,500 had been received from the various klan units.

NO T-2 continued by saying that Mrs. YOUNG did not make it clear whether the amount of \$8,500 was sent to the OKKKK headquarters after the klan organizers had taken their cut.

NO T-2 stated that J. D. SWENSON, the State Organizer for the OKKKK, receives a salary of \$240 per month, which is in addition to other money that SWENSON collects and keeps from his organizational work.

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Of the \$8,500 collected, ROYAL VIRGIL YOUNG, SR. had used about \$1,000 to purchase the necessary materials such as paper, envelopes, literature, etc. to conduct klan business. The National Treasury of the OKKKK is alleged to contain \$1,700 at this time.

NO T-2 advised on January 13, 1964 that klan units are required to send to the National Treasury of the OKKKK fifty cents per month for each member in the unit.

V. ACTIVITY

A. POLITICAL

NO T-1 advised on September 27, 1963 that a rally of the OKKKK would be held at Olla, Louisiana, on September 29, 1963. This meeting was to be political in nature.

NO T-1 advised on September 30, 1963, that the previously mentioned rally had been held in Olla, Louisiana, on September 29, 1963.

This meeting was attended by an estimated 1,000 to 2,000 persons, all of whom were hooded during the progress of the entire meeting, which lasted approximately three hours. He stated there were armed guards at three different locations entering this open field. He stated during the entire meeting, there were armed guards surrounding the field approximately one-hundred feet apart.

The principal speaker of the day, who the source stated spoke from a flat-bed truck parked in the field, was a Mr. HAROLD MONTGOMERY, who the source stated he understood was a State Senator from North Louisiana. He stated that MONTGOMERY discussed at some length the unpledged electors plans and indicated that the klan expected to support one particular candidate for Governor, however, he did not identify this candidate at the time.

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The source stated that the Imperial Dragon for the State of Louisiana, ROYAL VIRGEL YOUNG, was also present and talked very briefly about the importance of supporting the klan's candidates in the coming gubernatorial and local elections. He spoke at some length about the dangers of any violence and emphasized that the klan under no circumstances would allow or tolerate any violence of any type.

The source stated that from observation in the immediate area of the meeting before and after the meeting, he would state that the bulk of the klansmen who were in this area were from the North Louisiana area based upon his being able to note that all of these vehicles had the 400, the 500 or the 600 series preceding their license number.

NO T-3 advised on October 18, 1963 that a state meeting of the OKKKK was held October 13, 1963, at Columbia, Louisiana. The purpose of this meeting was to decide on which candidate the OKKKK would support in the forthcoming Louisiana Democratic Gubernatorial Primary.

This meeting was attended by some 150 persons, representing various klan units in the state of Louisiana, and it was voted that the OKKKK should support SHELBY JACKSON in the upcoming primary.

NO T-1 advised on October 24, 1963 that according to ROYAL VIRGIL YOUNG, SR., the Imperial Dragon, the OKKKK is supporting SHELBY JACKSON in the upcoming Louisiana Democratic Gubernatorial Primary to be held in November, 1963. According to YOUNG, J. D. SWENSON, the State Organizer for the OKKKK, is alleged to be meeting with JACKSON on October 28, 1963, probably at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, in order to advise JACKSON of the OKKKK support.

NO T-1 advised on November 12, 1963, that a rally of the OKKKK was to be held in the vicinity of Rayville, Louisiana, at 7 PM on November 16, 1963.

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Prior to the meeting, the leaders of the OKKKK are reportedly to meet with the following Louisiana political figures:

HAROLD MONTGOMERY
State Representative from
Bossier Parish;

SHELBY JACKSON, a candidate
for Governor in the Democratic
Primary;

JOHN GARRETT, State Representative
from Claiborne Parish, who is
JACKSON's political manager.

These political figures are supposed to make an appeal for the support of the OKKKK for SHELBY JACKSON in the forthcoming Democratic Gubernatorial Primary.

It should be noted that the Louisiana Democratic Gubernatorial Primary was held November 7, 1963, and SHELBY JACKSON, among others, were defeated by JOHN McKEITHEN and de LESSEPS "CHEP" MORRISON.

ROBERT FULLER, an admitted leader of the OKKKK in Monroe, Louisiana, advised on January 22, 1964, that he had received \$500 from the supporters of JOHN McKEITHEN at Monroe, Louisiana, in order to line up ~~oklan~~ support for McKEITHEN, who was the Democratic gubernatorial candidate in the forthcoming general election.

NO T-4 advised on January 31, 1964 that W. SPENCER MYRICH, a contractor from Oak Grove, Louisiana, is alleged to be a member of the OKKKK at Oak Grove, Louisiana. MYRICH was a recent winner in the Louisiana State Senatorial race in the 29th District.

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MYRICH was reportedly observed at a klan meeting in Bastrop, Louisiana, and a known klansman at Bastrop was very active in campaigning for MYRICH prior to the election.

B. GENERAL

There appeared on page 8-A of the November 18, 1963, issue of the "Shreveport Times," a daily newspaper published at Shreveport, Louisiana, an article captioned "KLAN MAPS NON-VIOLENT SEGREGATION CAMPAIGN." This article related that at a klan gathering held near Rayville, Louisiana, on the previous Saturday, three crosses were burned. This article relates that the Imperial Dragon, who was not identified, told those assembled that they must join in a non-violent campaign against national television programs that exaggerate the use of Negroes and that the klan must fight with letters and ballots rather than bullets for segregation and constitutional government.

This article further related that in an interview after the meeting, the Imperial Dragon indicated that members of his organization were writing letters to "peacefully influence" television stations in the South to refuse to air television programs deemed objectionable to the klan.

NO T-2 advised on November 17, 1963 that approximately 600 to 800 hooded and robed klansmen attended the rally which was held on November 16, 1963, near Rayville, Louisiana. This rally was orderly and ROYAL VIRGIL YOUNG, SR. and J. D. SWENSON, leaders of the OKKKK, spoke briefly of non-violent action planned to prevent any form of racial integration, including the appearance of Negro entertainers on television programs.

C. CROSS BURNINGS

NO T-2 advised on November 19, 1963 that ROBERT FULLER, head of the KBI of the OKKKK, remarked to various members that the OKKKK would not provide money for the defense of members engaged in activity (cross burnings), which activity was not approved by the top klan leadership. FULLER claimed that there was \$2,400 in the treasury of the OKKKK, which was to be used to assist in the defense of klansmen who were arrested while acting on orders of the OKKKK leaders.

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NO T-3 advised on January 14, 1964 that a meeting of members of the OKKKK of Southeast Louisiana was held on January 12, 1964, at Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The purpose of this meeting was to organize a mass cross burning operation and that klan members from East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Washington, St. Tammany and Livingston Parishes attended. At this meeting, J. D. SWENSON, State Organizer for the OKKKK, emphasized that the purpose for burning the crosses was to arouse additional interest in recruiting members, as the recruiting program had been lagging. SWENSON stated that this type of positive action should stimulate recruitment of new members for the OKKKK.

SWENSON instructed that crosses should be constructed and then should be placed and burned in areas which would not be considered aimed at any particular person or organization. SWENSON emphasized that it was important that these cross burnings not be directed at any one individual or group.

NO T-3 advised that at a meeting of the Bush, Louisiana, unit of the OKKKK, held on January 15, 1964, it was indicated that crosses would be burned around Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and the southeastern area of Louisiana; however, the date of these cross burnings was not given. It was planned that these crosses would be 6' high with a 3' cross piece placed 18" below the top of the cross. There was to be an iron rod attached to the bottom of the cross in order that the cross could be readily driven into the ground. The wood to be used in the making of these crosses would be 2 x 4, which would be wrapped in either burlap or rags.

NO T-3 advised on January 19, 1964 that numerous crosses were burned between 10 PM and 11 PM in the "Florida Parishes" of Southeast Louisiana. These crosses were burned in the parishes previously mentioned.

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VI. FACTIONALISM

NO T-2 advised in November, 1963, that ROYAL VIRGIL YOUNG, SR., Imperial Dragon, had become concerned about the possible defection of some of his Klan units in North Louisiana and that these defecting units might affiliate with the United Klans of America headed by ROBERT SHELTON of Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

NO T-1 advised on November 18, 1963, that approximately 100 members of the OKKKK from the Winnfield and Jena, Louisiana area had pulled out of the OKKKK as a result of a disagreement over the handling of finances by ROYAL VIRGIL YOUNG, SR.

NO T-1 advised on November 21, 1963, that ROBERT SHELTON of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, the head of the United Klans of America, was reported to be traveling in the northeast section of Louisiana meeting with members and units of the OKKKK who had defected, and SHELTON was attempting to win these units over to his organization.

ROBERT FULLER, an admitted leader in the OKKKK, Monroe, Louisiana, advised on November 24, 1963, that the OKKKK is having trouble because Klan units at Winnsboro, Winnfield and Olla, Louisiana, want to leave the OKKKK and join with the Klan organization of ROBERT SHELTON, Tuscaloosa, Alabama. According to FULLER, this split which has developed in the OKKKK is a result of the handling of finances and also because ROYAL VIRGIL YOUNG, SR., the Imperial Dragon, will not permit or tolerate any violence such as cross burnings, and as a result some of the local Klan units object to this policy.

As an example, FULLER pointed out that MURRAY H. MARTIN of Winnfield, Louisiana, an official in the OKKKK, wanted to burn crosses at various polling places the night before the Democratic gubernatorial primary elections and that MARTIN is the leading individual who is attempting to obtain Klan units to affiliate with SHELTON's group.

NO T-2 advised on December 5, 1963, that ROYAL VIRGIL YOUNG, SR., had become concerned with a group in the OKKKK which appeared to be defecting and might possibly

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affiliate with ROBERT SHELTON, a Klan leader from Tuscaloosa, Alabama. NO T-2 further advised that this faction is led by MURRAY H. MARTIN of Winnfield, Louisiana. MARTIN became involved in the controversy with YOUNG over the handling of finances of the OKKKK. MARTIN wanted YOUNG to create a position of a national secretary who would handle the finances of the OKKKK and also wanted the local Klan units to retain all fees and money within the units except for the regular nominal amount which is paid to YOUNG based upon the number of members in each unit. MARTIN also wanted the practice of the payment of the substantial amount of the \$10.00 initiation fee and the \$10.00 for the robes for new members which is given to J. D. SWENSON, the OKKKK organizer, discontinued.

YOUNG has indicated he believed that if the defection took place that MURRAY MARTIN would possibly be the leader of the Louisiana branch of a Klan organization headed by ROBERT SHELTON. YOUNG indicated that a national secretary to handle Klan funds would not work because in the past there had been such an individual who had absconded with the funds.

NO T-2 advised on December 11, 1963, that a meeting of Klan leaders would be held on December 12, 1963, at Monroe, Louisiana. At this meeting, ROYAL VIRGIL YOUNG, SR., would produce canceled checks and bank statements and other pertinent material in an effort to show dissatisfied members the procedures used in handling Klan money, the amount of money which had been taken in and the way the money had been spent. At this meeting YOUNG would make an all-out effort to avoid a split in the OKKKK, but if this split could not be avoided YOUNG had indicated he would quit as the head of the OKKKK rather than have the various units defect.

NO T-1 advised on December 10, 1963, that YOUNG had indicated that the following reasons are why some of the members and Klan units have defected from the OKKKK:

1. Finances
2. Dissatisfaction with the lack of activity such as cross burnings
3. Members claiming that YOUNG's brother, JACK YOUNG, is not a full-fledged minister and, therefore, is not qualified to be the Grand Chaplain of the OKKKK

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NO T-2 advised on December 16, 1963, that a special meeting of the OKKKK was held on December 12, 1963, at Monroe, Louisiana. This meeting was attended by about 100 men who were the Exhalted Cyclops and Assistant Exhalted Cyclops from each Klan unit. The primary purpose of this meeting was to question YOUNG regarding his handling of finances. At this meeting it was mentioned that units of the OKKKK from Columbia, Olla, Jena, Wisner and Winnsboro, Louisiana, had contributed over \$2,000.00 and wanted an explanation of what had happened to this money. It was also announced that the unit at Rayville, Louisiana, would not send any more money to the treasury of the OKKKK until the handling of the finances had been clarified.

YOUNG was also criticized by those in attendance, officers of the various Klan units, who claimed that they were not being kept advised of current developments in the OKKKK.

As a result of this criticism, YOUNG agreed to prepare a monthly report on Klan activities which would be sent to the various Provincial Giants, and the Provincial Giants would in turn furnish these reports to the various Klan units in their provinces. YOUNG also agreed to furnish a monthly report regarding the finances of the OKKKK.

NO T-3 advised on December 16, 1963, that a state meeting of the OKKKK was held at Columbia, Louisiana, on December 15, 1963. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the handling of finances by ROYAL VIRGIL YOUNG, SR., and members in attendance from Columbia and Winnsboro area expressed their dissatisfaction at the way the finances were handled. MURRAY MARTIN was a leader of the dissatisfied members.

ROYAL VIRGIL YOUNG, SR., the Imperial Dragon, proceeded to make an impassioned speech telling those assembled that he was responsible for the growth of the OKKKK and was not going to stand idly by and let someone with no common sense run the organization.

The dissatisfied members in attendance also expressed their displeasure in that they wanted to burn crosses at night before a state primary election but had not been allowed to do so.

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NO T-1 advised on December 19, 1963, that YOUNG was to leave Shreveport, Louisiana, and travel to Mississippi to meet with the Mississippi members of the OKKKK who had previously defected in an attempt to gain back these members.

NO T-2 advised on January 6, 1964, that ROYAL VIRGIL YOUNG, SR., felt he might lose all his Klan units of the OKKKK in Mississippi to DOUGLAS BYRD, a former leader at Natchez, Mississippi, who had been previously expelled by YOUNG.

NO T-2 advised on January 13, 1964, that YOUNG had met with leaders of the OKKKK from Mississippi, and as a result the Mississippi members had told YOUNG they were satisfied with his explanation of the financial situation of the OKKKK. These members indicated to YOUNG that they would take any necessary steps against DOUGLAS BYRD of Natchez to prevent BYRD from interfering with the OKKKK.

On January 22, 1964, ROBERT FULLER, an admitted leader in the OKKKK from Monroe, Louisiana, advised that a split had developed in the OKKKK over the handling of finances.

FULLER remarked that as a result of a meeting held on January 12, 1964, at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, he, FULLER, was challenging the leadership of ROYAL VIRGIL YOUNG, SR., and is now openly fighting YOUNG for the leadership of the OKKKK.

FULLER stated that on January 19, 1964, there was a state-wide meeting of the OKKKK held at Winnsboro, Louisiana, which he claimed was attended by most of the Klan units in Louisiana. FULLER said that he felt he had gone a long way toward replacing YOUNG as the leader of the OKKKK at this meeting. FULLER said he had no intention of trying to extend his influence into the State of Mississippi. ROBERT FULLER further advised on January 22, 1964, that ROBERT SHELTON of the United Klans of America, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, had been meeting with leaders of the OKKKK from Calhoun, Chatham, Jonesboro, Winnfield and Ruston, Louisiana, and it appeared that these units might possibly affiliate with SHELTON's group.

NO T-1 advised on March 5, 1964, that a split in the OKKKK had occurred in the handling of finances wherein

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a majority of the members in Louisiana and Mississippi felt that the money they had contributed in dues, fees and through the purchase of robes had been mishandled. ROY VIRGIL YOUNG, SR., the Imperial Dragon, and J. D. SWENSON, the state organizer, were subsequently accused by members of using this money for their own purposes.

As a result of the above split, ROBERT FULLER of Monroe, Louisiana, who had previously been appointed as the head of the KBI by ROYAL YOUNG, has challenged YOUNG for the leadership of the OKKKK, and at the present time FULLER is trying to take over the leadership of most of the OKKKK.

VII. INFILTRATION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT

NO T-3 advised on October 25, 1963, that B. J. MIZELL, Assistant Town Marshal, Sun, Louisiana, is a member of the Bush, Louisiana, unit of the OKKKK. This source further advised that MARION PAYNE, an officer with the Louisiana State Police assigned to Troop L, was reported to be in attendance at a meeting held on October 4, 1963.

NO T-2 advised on November 6, 1963, that at a meeting of the Monroe unit of the OKKKK held on November 4, 1963, at Monroe, Louisiana, ROBERT FULLER, a Klan leader, claimed that sixteen of the seventeen man police force at Jonesboro, Louisiana, were members of the OKKKK. FULLER stated that only the Chief of Police at Jonesboro was not a member, and as a result the Mayor of Jonesboro had indicated that he intended to get a new Chief of Police.

On November 15, 1963, Chief C. E. HESTER, Madison Parish Sheriff's Office, Tallulah, Louisiana, advised that ARCHIE AULTMAN, a patrolman with the Tallulah Police Department, was an active member, and JIMMY ROGAN, the Chief of Police at Tallulah, was an inactive member of the Madison Parish unit of the OKKKK.

ROBERT FULLER, an admitted leader in the OKKKK of Monroe, Louisiana, advised on November 22, 1963, that the OKKKK was successful in electing five out of six sheriffs in northeast Louisiana. FULLER did not identify the sheriffs except to say that the Klan had defeated JURD STEWART at Farmerville, Louisiana, because of STEWART's opposition to the Klan.

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On December 5, 1963, Chief of Police JAMES C. KELLY, Monroe, Louisiana Police Department, advised that he had interviewed BENJAMIN FRANKLIN OWENS, a parole officer with the Louisiana State Department of Probation and Parole. OWENS admitted that he was a member of the Klan unit at Monroe, Louisiana.

NO T-4 advised on December 16, 1963, that LAVERT STRAHAN, an Agent with the Louisiana State Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, represented the Bogalusa, Louisiana, unit at a state-wide meeting of the OKKKK held on December 15, 1963, at Columbia, Louisiana.

NO T-5 advised on December 30, 1963, that CLYDE RICHARDSON of Jena, Louisiana, and CLIFTON BARTON of Olla, Louisiana, were deputy sheriffs of the LaSalle Parish Sheriff's Office and active Klan members. He also advised that Lt. C. B. BATES of the Louisiana State Police at Winnfield, Louisiana, is also an active member.

NO T-3 advised on January 21, 1964, that Sgt. J. C. WILLIE, attached to Troop L of the Louisiana State Police, Covington, Louisiana, is a member of the Folsom, Louisiana unit of the OKKKK and may possibly be the investigator for this group.

NO T-3 advised on February 14, 1964, that HAYDEN LAVINGHOUSE, Deputy Sheriff, St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana Sheriff's Office, was a member of the Folsom, Louisiana unit of the OKKKK.

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VIII. POTENTIAL FOR VIOLENCE

NO T-1 advised on September 16, 1963, that on this date ROBERT FULLER of Monroe, Louisiana, a member of the OKKKK, had in his possession five sticks of dynamite and a gun. This dynamite and gun were in FULLER's automobile, a 1963 maroon Lincoln Continental, bearing 1963 Louisiana license 951-146. This source further advised that FULLER gave no indication as to the intended use of this dynamite.

ROBERT FULLER of Monroe, Louisiana, an admitted leader in the OKKKK, advised on November 28, 1963, that he had been made head of the KBI by ROYAL VIRGIL YOUNG, SR., the Imperial Dragon. FULLER said he was determined to prevent members of the OKKKK from engaging in any violence and in the event he received any information that members were so engaged, he would see to it that they would be banished from the OKKKK.

FULLER said that the OKKKK does not condone nor does it approve of violations of the law and expects to accomplish its objectives through the support of political candidates whose philosophy parallels that of the OKKKK.

FULLER said that he had issued orders that klansmen no longer wear firearms to the meetings and that only the outside guard stationed at klan meetings would be allowed to have a weapon. FULLER said that many klansmen had obtained firearms, but that this was merely to be in a position to render assistance to law enforcement officials.

IX. LOCATION AND ACTIVITIES OF KLAN UNITS

A. LOUISIANA

BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA

NO T-3 advised on November 15, 1963, that HOUSTON MORRIS, formerly of Monroe, Louisiana, was now acting as an organizer for the OKKKK in the Baton Rouge, Louisiana, area.

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On December 13, 1963, Chief of Police ALVIN E. CORLEY, Denham Springs, Louisiana, Police Department, advised that HOUSTON MORRIS had attempted to organize a group on November 26, 1963 at Watson, Louisiana. This meeting was attended by about seven men, and the new members gave \$10.00 a piece to MORRIS.

On January 6, 1964, Chief CORLEY stated that no additional meetings had been held.

BASTROP, LOUISIANA

NO T-4 advised on January 2, 1964, that the OKKKK unit at Bastrop, Louisiana, holds its meetings in a building located on the property of OTHO M. ROBINSON, located north of Bastrop, Louisiana. This unit consists of 75 members, and meetings are held on Monday evenings in a metal building which is located on Louisiana Highway 139, 15 miles north of Bastrop, Louisiana.

During the meeting, guards are posted on the outside of the building and patrol the road leading from the outside to the building. These guards are armed and carry field telephones and walkie-talkie radios. A password is utilized which is changed every week, and the password usually consists of a letter of the alphabet. Material to be used in the making of crosses is stored in this building.

NO T-4 advised that the following individuals are leaders of this klan unit:

JOE ENTRICIAN, Owner of Joe's Drive In,
606 Commerce Street;

C. V. FLOWERS;

LAYTON HEVERSON, Salesman,
Steven Chevrolet;

HOSEY GEORGE,
Tidewater Equipment Company;

ROY MORGAN,
Buatts Drive In Grocery;

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GLEN CROSSLEY, Owner,
Buatta Drive In Grocery.

NO T-4 further advised that a second klan unit has been established in the Bastrop area under the leadership of HOUSTON PERRY, the owner of Perry's Motor Company, 540 East Madison. Meetings of this unit are held at PERRY's place of business and also in a hangar at the local airport.

BOGALUSA, LOUISIANA

NO T-6 advised on October 2, 1963 that a klan group had been formed in Bogalusa, Louisiana, with a membership of approximately 100 persons. The head of this klan unit is WILLIE H. BURKE, 903 Ridge Road, Bogalusa, Louisiana.

NO T-6 advised on November 27, 1963, that the local klan unit of the OKKKK holds their meetings at the Disabled Veterans Club located on the Middle Franklinton Road in Bogalusa.

BUSH, LOUISIANA

NO T-3 advised on October 28, 1963 that the Bush unit of the OKKKK was organized on September 13, 1963.

NO T-3 further advised on January 21, 1964 that the Bush unit is known by the name of the Bush Hunting and Fishing Club # 1055. This group consists of 38 members, and meetings are held at the residences of the members.

This source further advised that ED PETERSEN, the operator of a barge line business in the Bush--Pearl River, Louisiana, area, is the leader of this unit and that S. J. PARKER is the Secretary.

FARMERVILLE, LOUISIANA

Sheriff JURD STEWART, Union Parish, Farmerville, Louisiana, advised on January 20, 1964, that the klan unit at Farmerville is headed by COLEMAN MALONE, a pulpwood hauler who resides between Farmerville and Sterlington, Louisiana.

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Sheriff STEWART said that after 50 members had been acquired in the unit at Farmerville, two more units had been established. One unit was established at Marion, Louisiana, headed by C. W. CAUSEY, Principal of the Marion High School, and another at Bernice, Louisiana, all in Union Parish.

Sheriff STEWART stated that he felt that his opposition to the OKKKK was a major factor in his defeat for re-election. Sheriff STEWART said he had made his position clear with the members of the klan unit in Union Parish, stating he would not tolerate any violence and because of this stand, it was apparent he had lost a lot of support in his bid for re-election.

FOLSOM, LOUISIANA

NO T-3 advised on January 21, 1964, that a unit of the OKKKK had been established at Folsom, Louisiana, and consisted of approximately 12 members.

NO T-3 advised on February 14, 1964 that the Folsom unit of the OKKKK reportedly now has 45 members, and that ALLEN TARVER is the Exalted Cyclops, and that another leader of this unit is GLEN FORBES, the present Mayor of Folsom.

JENA, LOUISIANA

NO T-5 advised on December 30, 1963, that the meeting place for the klan unit at Jena is located 7 miles west of Jena, Louisiana, on State Highway 127. The building utilized is located on the farm of HARVEY MCLENDON.

Meetings are held for the most part on Thursday evenings, and the leaders of this unit are GRADY WILDER, who operates a sheet metal business in Jena, and GEORGE HUTSON, who is in the oil-field leasing business.

MONROE, LOUISIANA

A. LOCATION

NO T-2 advised on November 6, 1963, that the Monroe

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unit of the OKKKK meets in the building located on the property of JAMES C. OLIVER who resides on Moore Road, three miles southeast of Monroe, Louisiana. The building utilized is of metal construction and has electrical and telephone service.

B. OFFICERS

NO T-2 advised on December 4, 1963, that at a meeting of the Monroe unit on December 2, 1963, the following individuals were elected as officers:

JAMES C. OLIVER, Exalted Cyclops;

RAY WOOD, Lecturer;

ALVIN E. LORD, Treasurer;

RUSSELL A. PRICE, Secretary;

CHARLES C. PIERSON, Chief, KBI.

C. MEMBERSHIP

NO T-2 advised on November 6, 1963, that the Monroe unit of the OKKKK consisted of 116 members.

D. FINANCES

NO T-2 advised on December 12, 1963, that the Monroe Unit of the OKKKK has a bank account at the Central Savings Bank and Trust Company, Monroe, Louisiana, under the name of the Monroe Hunting and Fishing Club.

E. SECURITY MEASURES

NO T-2 advised on November 9, 1963, the following instructions were issued to members of the Monroe unit of the OKKKK in the event the FBI came to the meeting place to interview members:

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The guards stationed at the outside gate would allow the FBI Agents to enter the area and thereafter immediately advise the Exalted Cyclops by telephone of the presence of FBI Agents on klan property. The Exalted Cyclops would then put on his robe and meet the Agents outside the meeting room and advise the FBI that a secret meeting was in progress. The Exalted Cyclops would then ask the FBI to leave unless the Agents had a warrant for the arrest of one of the klansmen.

Klan members were also instructed not to get into FBI automobiles or go to FBI Offices to be interviewed inasmuch as it was presumed that these automobiles and offices are wired to record any conversation.

NO T-2 advised on November 19, 1963, that the following security measures are taken by the Monroe unit of the OKKKK on the night meetings are held:

Seven members are assigned to guard duty. Of this seven, two are stationed at the front gate to the entrance to the klan meeting place. Two other guards are assigned to the outside door of the building in which the meetings are held. One guard is then stationed on the inside of the building to the door which leads to the main meeting room. The last two guards patrol the area around the building in which the meeting is held.

F. CROSS BURNING ACTIVITY

NO T-2 advised on November 12, 1963, that at a meeting of the Monroe unit of the OKKKK held on November 11, 1963, the members voted to burn a cross in front of the Tropical Lounge located on the Winnsboro Road in Monroe. The reason for burning this cross was given that Negroes and whites were being served together at the lounge.

After the meeting was adjourned three members of the Monroe unit went to the Tropical Lounge and burned a cross.

Sheriff BAILEY GRANT, Ouachita Parish Sheriff's

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Office, Monroe, Louisiana, advised on November 21, 1963 that officers of his department, while on routine patrol during the evening of November 15, 1963, observed a cross burning at the intersection of the new Natchitoches Road and Keller Street in West Monroe, Louisiana. The officers observed a car leaving the scene at a high rate of speed and subsequently this car was stopped and the occupants identified as THAD A. WILCOXSON, a white male, age 41; and ROBERT LOWERY, a white male, age 29, of Monroe, Louisiana.

Sheriff GRANT said these men were not arrested at this time; however, this matter was discussed with the District Attorney and on November 18, 1963, the above individuals were arrested on warrants charging them with disturbing the peace and setting a fire in the middle of the street. They were subsequently released on \$500.00 bond each.

G. MEETINGS

NO T-2 furnished the following information regarding meetings of the Monroe unit of the OKKKK:

DATE	TYPE	PLACE	ATTENDANCE	DATE RECEIVED
11/4/63	Closed	Property of JAMES C. OLIVER	44	11/6/63
11/11/63	Closed	"	30-35	11/12/63
11/18/63	Closed	"	30	11/19/63
11/25/63	Closed	"	20	11/26/63
12/2/63	Closed	"	20	12/4/63
12/9/63	Closed	"	25	12/11/63

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OAK GROVE, LOUISIANA

CLAUDE BUTLER, Deputy Sheriff, East Carroll Parish Sheriff's Office, Oak Grove, Louisiana, advised on December 9, 1963, that Klan activity in the Oak Grove, Louisiana, area has diminished. He said that meetings were formerly held at the Auction Barn located on Highway 2 on the west edge of Oak Grove but that meetings are now held in a building located on the property of M. E. STANFORD north of Oak Grove.

BUTLER informed that the following individuals are leaders of the Oak Grove unit of the OKKKK:

PETE HURLEY, Hurley Brothers Market

HOPE ROBERTS, employed by the Redmond - Mitchiner Company

LLOYD SULLIVAN, a carpenter

BOYD MC CLAIN, a barber

On January 18, 1964, JOHN R. BUTLER of the East Carroll Parish Sheriff's Office, Oak Grove, Louisiana, advised that he has personally checked the building located on the property of M. E. STANFORD and as far as he has been able to ascertain, no meetings have been held for some period of time.

PEARL RIVER, LOUISIANA

NO T-2 advised on October 25, 1963, that the Pearl River unit of the OKKKK is known as the Pearl River Hunting and Fishing Lodge #1028. Meetings of this unit are held at the Pearl River Junior High School and the following individuals are officers of this unit:

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FNU RILEY, Exalted Cyclops, employed as Principal
of the Pearl River Junior High School

ED YATES, Secretary, resides, Pearl River

D. B. DEAN, Captain of the Guard, resides Pearl
River

L. J. MORAN, Chaplain, resident of Pearl River

NO T-2 advised on February 14, 1964, that Mr.
RILEY and MELVIN CRADDOCK are currently leaders of the
unit at Pearl River, Louisiana, and that ED YATES is the
secretary of this unit.

RUSTON, LOUISIANA

NO T-7 advised on October 21, 1963, that WALTER
CURREY of Ruston, Louisiana, who appeared to be the leader
of the Ruston group attended a meeting of the Association
of Arkansas Klans held on October 20, 1963, at Camden,
Arkansas. CURREY stated that the Ruston group was composed
of about 25 individuals who had joined with the United Klans
of America, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, headed by ROBERT
SHELTON of Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

ROBERT FULLER, an admitted Klan leader in the
OKKKK, Monroe, Louisiana, advised on November 28, 1963,
that the Klan unit at Ruston, Louisiana, had defected
from the OKKKK and had ceased to function as an important
group and consisted of only about seven members.

SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA

NO T-1 advised on December 16, 1963, that accord-
ing to ROYAL VIRGIL YOUNG, SR., the Imperial Dragon, the
OKKKK has been unable to find a place to hold meetings and
was inactive in the Shreveport and Bossier City, Louisiana,
area. YOUNG indicated the reason the OKKKK had become in-
active in the Shreveport - Bossier City area was a result
of interviews of Klansmen in September, 1963, by the FBI after the
Negro church had been burned at Birmingham, Alabama.

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NO T-1 advised on March 5, 1964, that the OKKKK is not active in the Shreveport - Bossier City, Louisiana, area and does not hold any regular meetings.

SLIDELL, LOUISIANA

NO T-3 advised February 14, 1964, that the Slidell unit of the OKKKK meets on the premises of the Pineview Salvage Company located on U. S. Highway 11, north of Slidell.

This unit has 50 members and has been chartered and that ED MITCHELL, who operates a photography shop in Slidell is the leader of this unit.

TALLULAH, LOUISIANA

Sheriff C. E. HESTER, Madison Parish, Tallulah, Louisiana, advised on November 15, 1963, that the Klan unit is known as the Madison Parish Riflemen's Club and consists of 62 members.

Sheriff HESTER advised on January 27, 1964, that no information has come to his attention to indicate that the Klan unit is active in Madison Parish at the present time.

VARNADO, LOUISIANA

NO T-6 advised on December 5, 1963, that the OKKKK unit at Varnado, Louisiana, meets on Friday evenings at the Beagle Club located on the Pine - Varnado Highway. LEROY SEALS of Varnado, Louisiana, and BOBBY LAND also of Varnado are the leaders of this group.

WEST MONROE, LOUISIANA

NO T-8 advised on November 6, 1963, that the West Monroe, Louisiana, unit of the OKKKK has been meeting on the property of GROVER C. EDWARDS, Route 2, Box 522, West Monroe, and that this unit has 28 members.

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Deputy Sheriff E. L. WALKER, Ouachita Parish Sheriff's Office, Monroe, Louisiana, advised on October 2, 1963, that officers of the Sheriff's Office investigated a shooting incident at a Klan meeting which was being held on September 30, 1963. This meeting was being held in the area of a gravel pit at West Monroe, Louisiana, and two men stationed as guards were reported to have fired shots in the air to scare away three young men who are residents of the area and were allegedly interfering with the Klan meeting. As a result, two members, HENRY E. MARTIN and MAURICE MC DONALD were arrested on charges of carrying concealed weapons and were subsequently released on \$1,000 bond each.

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NATCHEZ, MISSISSIPPI

NO T-1 advised on January 1, 1964, that DOUGLAS BYRD, a leader of the OKKKK unit at Natchez, Mississippi, had been expelled from the OKKKK by ROYAL V. YOUNG, the Imperial Dragon.

NO T-9 advised on January 31, 1964, that the building used by Klan groups in Adams County, Mississippi, is located on Morgantown Road near Natchez, Mississippi, across the road from the Scarborough Machine Shop.

This building is used by separate Klan units in Adams County.

The first Klan unit is known as the Morgantown Unit, which meets on Tuesday evenings and consists of approximately 40 members.

The following are the officers of the Morgantown Unit:

ERNEST PARKER
DOUGLAS A. BYRD
JACK SEALE

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NO T-9 further advised there is also a Cloverdale Unit and a Sligo Unit who utilize the previously mentioned building for meetings and he was given to understand that there are between 300 and 400 Klan members in Adams County.

YAZOO CITY, MISSISSIPPI

Mr. WILLIAM H. BARBOUR advised on October 21, 1963 that the following persons are leaders of the Klan group at Yazoo City, Mississippi:

1. JAMES ISAAC ROBERTS, a white male, age 52, who resides at 908 Grady Avenue and is the owner and operator of the Yazoo Coffee Shop, 115 East Jefferson Street.
2. W. LEE WRIGHT, white male, age 40, who resides at 712 Grand Avenue and is employed by the Newsom Electrical Company, 725 Ridge Road.
3. GEORGE TAYLOR, a white male, age 48 - 50, who resides near Benton, Mississippi, and is the owner and operator of the T & T Tire Service, 221 South Main Street, Yazoo City, Mississippi.

Mr. DAN NICHOLAS, a prominent businessman, Yazoo City, Mississippi, advised on October 22, 1963, that meetings are held at an old isolated farm house known as the Old Mobley Place which is located about one-half mile east of U. S. Highway 49, and three to four miles southeast of Yazoo City.

NICHOLAS subsequently furnished information that this group consisted of 38 members.

Mr. NICHOLAS advised on November 5, 1963, that the Klan Unit at Yazoo is faltering and without leadership.

Members are suspicious of one another and have been accusing each other of furnishing information to the local law enforcement authorities regarding activities and the identities of members.

APPENDIX

**ORIGINAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
(LOUISIANA)
(OKKKK)**

A source advised on October 25, 1963, that in December, 1960, a group was organized at Shreveport, Louisiana, known as the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (OKKKK). The purpose of this organization was to promote Americanism, white supremacy, and the maintaining of segregation.

This source further advised on October 25, 1963, that the OKKKK continues to be active and that the aims and purposes continue to be the same.

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UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (UNITED KLANS)

Records of Superior Court of Fulton County, Georgia, show that this Klan organization was granted a corporate charter on February 21, 1961, at Atlanta, Georgia, under the name United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc.

A source advised on February 27, 1961, that United Klans was formed as a result of a split in U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. According to the source, the split resulted from a leadership dispute and United Klans has the same aims and objectives as the parent group. These are the promotion of Americanism, white supremacy and segregation of the races.

The first source and a second source advised in July, 1961, that United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of American, Inc., merged with Alabama Knights, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. The merged organization established headquarters in Suite 401, The Alston Building, Tuscaloosa, Alabama. The organization is directed by Robert Shelton, Imperial Wizard, and is the dominant Klan group in the South with units in several southern states.

On August 14, 1963, the second source advised that the organization formerly known as United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc., would be known in the future as United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. The second source said the name was changed by a resolution adopted at the National Klonvocation held July 8, 1961, at Indian Springs, Georgia.

Second source advised that at a meeting of Prattville, Alabama, on October 22, 1961, a majority of the Klaverns of the U. S.Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan merged with the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

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ASSOCIATION OF ARKANSAS KLANS
OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (AAK)

A source advised on April 22, 1959, as follows:

AAK was formed on April 21, 1959, at Pine Bluff, Arkansas, for the purpose of promoting white supremacy and segregation of the races, but violence was disavowed. Leaders of the AAK were previously members of the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (OKKKK). GEORGE F. EDWARDES, Grand Dragon of the OKKKK for the State of Arkansas, was carried over as the Grand Dragon of the new organization, AAK.

A source advised that on August 11, 1960, GEORGE F. EDWARDES disavowed violence. Another source advised in January 1963 that the new Grand Dragon, BILL WILLIAMS, disavowed violence and that GEORGE F. EDWARDES is the Legal Counselor of the AAK. Another source advised on December 15, 1963, there had been no change in the program and objectives of the AAK. Another source stated the ritual used by OKKKK is taken from the "Kloran" of the Association of South Carolina Klans of the Ku Klux Klan (ASCK).

Regarding the ASCK, the following is noted:

A source advised on September 24, 1956, that the ASCK was organized in the fall of 1955 and is patterned after the Association of Carolina Klans (ACK). The source stated the ASCK is a new organization and not a re-birth of the ACK, although all high-ranking officials of the ASCK had been members of the ACK. The announced purposes of this organization are to promote white supremacy and to combat integration of races; however, the use of violence is disavowed.

A source advised on September 2, 1950, that the ACK was composed of groups formerly members of the Association of Georgia Klans (AGK), and although the ACK severed all connections with the AGK on November 14, 1949, the ideals, purposes and policies of the two organizations remained identical. The ACK became defunct after conviction and imprisonment of its highest official and other members in 1952.

The AGK has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

APPENDIX



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
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Title	ORIGINAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (LOUISIANA), AKA LOUISIANA RIFLE ASSOCIATION
Character	RM
Reference	Report of SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER, 3/12/64, at New Orleans

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities
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Laurel, Mississippi
February 26, 1964

On 2/25/64 the Laurel, Mississippi Klaver of The White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi met at the regular meeting place just East of Laurel. There were 19 members present. Mr. (EC) B. F. HINTON presided.

It was reported that a special call meeting was held on Friday Night, 2/21/64, at the Klavern Hall at which time the proposed cross burnings on Saturday, 2/22/64, were called off because they thought the police had information regarding the burnings. They feared a security leak. They based this opinion on the fact that a large number of Auxiliary Police had been called out for a training program for Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights.

It was discussed that L. C. NIK, Chief of Police, may have been ~~bluffing~~ pulling a bluff by calling the extra help. The membership voted to burn two crosses in Laurel Friday Night, 2/28/64 to prove they, the Klan, was not bluffing. One cross was to be burned at the home of HARRY BROWN, owner, The Diamond Shop, and the other one at the Brown Funeral Home, Central Ave., Laurel. This is a negro funeral home. No reason was given for the burnings.

SAM BOWERS, Grand Dragon, for the State of Mississippi, reported that he had ~~recently attended a meeting~~ attended a State Meeting at Brookhaven Miss., on Sunday, 2/23/64. There were about 200 hundred present. This meeting was reported to have been in connection with the changes in the Constitution and By Laws. These changes were necessary ~~inasmuch~~ since they had pulled away from the Klan in Louisiana.

The State of Mississippi will be divided into five (5) Sections. These sections will be the same as the five (5) voting districts in the State. Each section will be divided into two (2) Provinces. At the present there are no chartered Klaverns in the State of Mississippi.

Mr. ~~HORN~~ BOWERS reported that sometime in March 1964 (Around 3/15/64) some thirty (30) Klaverns will be chartered. Each Klavern must have forty (40) paid up members to be eligible for a charter.

It was suggested that group leaders be appointed to get new members and to see that the present members pay their dues on time. One of the group leaders in the Laurel Klavern is (FMS) CLARK, (CLARK is believed to be the owner and operator of the Clark Water Well Drilling Company) he is a member of the Motorcycle squad of the Auxiliary Police. He thinks GRADY CHANCE, Operator, Chance Texaco Service Station and J. W. PURVIS, City Engineer, are group leaders.

It appeared that the Laurel Klavern was having some financial trouble since it was mentioned that the printing done by RHEA LOMAX, Lomax Printers, and the water well drilled by Mr. CLARK, had not been paid. Further that it might be necessary to make an additional assessment to pay for the house now being used as a meeting place.

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Laurel, Mississippi
March 7, 1964

That on 3/4/64 the Laurel, Mississippi Klavern of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan met at 7:30 pm, at their regular meeting place. There were twenty-seven (27) men present.

The project committee reported that the previous project of burning two (2) crosses in Laurel on Friday Night, 2/28/64, was called off since they were afraid of a security leak in the organization. Approximately eight (8) of those present worked together as a group and held several meetings of one or two at a time and sometime more. These discussions were held before the regular meeting and the entire membership was not aware of the matter being discussed.

Members of this group and one or two others put on a show of why they did not carry out the project. Threats of hanging were passed out if they were ever caught carrying out their projects or assignments.

The men in this group was Mr. (EC) B. F. HINTON, MAURICE FLOWERS, PAUL THOMAS, JIM BISHOP, PAUL RICHARDS, BOBBY WOOTEN, (FUG) CLARK and EDWARD M. COWAN, a Patrolman of the LMP.

It was reported that there are thirty-one (31) current paid-up members and a reported sixty-two (62) on record as belonging. A drive was suggested to get forty (40) paying members so that a charter could be obtained. Dues were collected at this meeting and a \$4.00 per month assessment against each member was made to pay for the meeting building.

BOBBY WOOTEN made a motion that twenty (20) crosses be burned this weekend but after a discussion it was reduced to six (6) crosses. The places were not mentioned and no time was given. No assignments were made to carry out the burnings.

It was pointed out that no cross would be burned without a reason and no more than one cross would be burned at the same place. If this cross was not heeded (meaning the person should cease to do what the Klan thinks he is doing wrong) a strapping would be next.

Mr. (EC) HINTON, showed the strap, which is to be used and JIM BISHOP made a suggestion that it be doubled so it could be mankinded shortened and thereby have better control of it. It would then be almost a club. BISHOP mentioned that his Daddy has talked many times of using it in the years past. BISHOP said that if he ever got caught he would personally "hang" the man that snitched on him.

Mr. BISHOP read and presented to Mr. EC a paper on "The Minutemen". He remarked that this was an organization with a purpose, he said that he knew some of the members and would probably become a member. (This was not discussed any further)

LAWRENCE BYRD, presented the idea of issuing a card to each member with his name on it, as belonging to the "The Bogue Homa Hunting, Fishing and XXXXX Rifle Club". This card will have four (4) blanks on it to be stamped each quarter when his dues are paid.

Two new meeting places were established in Jones County, one at Ellisville, and the other at Calhoun, Miss. for organizational purposes. Contacts have been made in Smith and Jasper Counties, Miss. for possible Klaverne. Two new members were initiated at Ellisville on 3/5/64.

During the meeting 3/3/64, SAM BOWERS, Grand Dragon, was present and stated he intended to stay out of the business end, but had to step in, when they wanted to get too reckless.

A strapping committee will be named at a later date by the EC.

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He said the constitution has not been printed as yet since the printer's brother has been very ill and he has not had time to complete the job.

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He states that he will make a trip to Brookhaven with SAM BOWERS on Sunday, 3/8/64, to attend a meeting (State) if nothing else comes up at home.

New Orleans, Louisiana
March 9, 1964

THE WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI

On March 9, 1964, Chief Deputy Sheriff Robert W. McMinn, Jones County, Laurel, Mississippi, advised that he had received two unconfirmed reports that two crosses were burned in the vicinity of Ellisville, Mississippi, on the evening of March 7, 1964.

Deputy Sheriff McMinn stated, however, that no complaints regarding any cross burnings had been received by the Jones County Sheriff's Office.

L. C. Nix, Chief of Police, Laurel, Mississippi, advised that during the weekend of March 6-8, 1964, no reports of any cross burnings in Laurel, Mississippi, had been received by his department.

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FROM : SA, ROBERT EDWARD LEE

SUBJECT: THE WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI
RM

The following investigation was conducted by SA ROBERT EDWARD LEE:

AT LAUREL, MISS.:

On 3/7/64, MERRILL PICKERING, Sheriff, Jones County, advised that he and his Chief Deputy, ROBERT McMINN, had been approached to join this group. They declined and told the one who contacted them they would not put up with any trouble in the County.

He did not identify the person who approached him but indicated he may have some additional information in the near future.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA ROBERT EDWARD LEE:

AT LAUREL, MISS:

On 3/9/64, ROBERT W. McMINN, Chief Deputy Sheriff, Jones County, advised that he has heard that two (2) crosses were burned in the vicinity of Ellisville, Mississippi Saturday night, 3/7/64. The Sheriff's Office has not received any complaints and does not know the location where the crosses were burned.

He said that in the event he gets any information he will notify the FBI.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA ROBERT EDWARD LEE:

AT TAYLORSVILLE, MISS.:

On 2/28/64, BURNICE JONES, City Marshal, advised that he had been approached by a local citizen, not identified, and asked to join this organization. This person told him that they were trying to get all the Masons and Law Enforcement Officers to join.

He told this individual that he was not interested at this time and this person told him that he would contact him again in about ten days to see if he had changed his mind. It is being organized out of Laurel, Miss.

Mr. JONES states he would advise the FBI of any information that comes to his attention regarding this organization in Taylorsville or Smith County, Miss.

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FROM : SA, ROBERT EDWARD LEE

SUBJECT: THE WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX
KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI
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The following investigation was conducted by SA ROBERT EDWARD LEE:

AT LAUREL, MISS:

On 2/26/64, L. C. NIX, Chief of Police, was advised of the information that this organization has plans to burn two (2) crosses in Laurel on Friday night, 2/28/64; That one cross would be burned at the home of HARRY BROWN, Owner, The Diamond Shop, Laurel and the other at Brown's Funeral Home.

He said that he would make some arrangements to cover the vicinity of the areas mentioned. He will only use selected ranking officers and no general alert will be issued.

On 2/29/64, Chief NIX advised that no incidents were observed or reported. He did notice several persons, he ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ believes to be connected with this organization, riding around town in small groups.

On 3/7/64, Chief NIX, was advised of the report that this organization would probably burn six (6) crosses over the weekend of 3/7/64. He was advised that no locations were known.

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On 3/9/64, Chief NIX stated that he had used one extra patrol car over the weekend in the event the crosses were to be burned in the city of Laurel. He said that he had heard of no activity in the city.

He plans to keep alert for any activity on the part of this organization and will report any activity.

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To: Director, FBI
From: SAC, New Orleans (157-1962)
Subject: THE WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI
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Re New Orleans airtel with enclosed letterhead memorandum, dated 3/7/64, captioned as above.

Enclosed herewith are 8 copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning captioned matter.

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SA ROBERT EDWARD LEE

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On 2/21/64, [redacted] Avenue, Laurel, Mississippi, advised that he was first approached to join the KKK sometime before Christmas, 1963 by J. W. PURVIS, City Engineer, Laurel. PURVIS told him the Klan was organizing in the state and asked him if he would be interested in joining. He states he told PURVIS that he was not interested at that time. PURVIS did not give him any literature.

He was again approached during January, 1964 by PAUL RICHARDS, 1215 South 17th Avenue, who is employed by the McCullough Tool Company, who discussed the Klan and the possible value. He told him of the Klan and some of the objectives. One of these was keeping the Negroes in their place and something about elimination. He took this to mean that anyone, white or colored, who might not conform to the Klan's ideas or oppose them, might be killed. RICHARDS furnished him some literature including 50 reasons why he should join the Klan. [redacted] states he told RICHARDS he did not believe he was interested and did not want to get into any trouble. RICHARDS asked him if he would go along with them if they kept within the law. [redacted] said that he might. RICHARDS invited him to the next meeting which was to be held in the near future.

[redacted] said that after his conversation with RICHARDS, he got worried about the possible security involved and the statement made by RICHARDS regarding elimination. At that time, he considered notifying Honorable ROBERT F. KENNEDY, Attorney General, about his information to determine if he was interested in the information he had and if he might be interested in any information he might get if he became

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associated with the klan. He related that he is interested in the welfare of the United States and thought he might be able to be of some assistance.

[redacted] then decided to contact the local FBI Agent. He telephoned SA ROBERT EDWARD LEE and explained that he had been approached to join the klan and wanted to know if the FBI would be interested in any information he might get in the event he did join. [redacted] was told that the FBI could not make any recommendations about him joining, but would accept any information he desired to furnish. He related that he joined the klan on about 1/28/64 at Laurel and had attended all the local meetings since that time. He has made two trips to Brookhaven, Mississippi to meet with other members from other klaverns from Mississippi, which included Brookhaven, Natchez and Laurel, Mississippi. The last meeting was Saturday, 2/15/64. Two cars made the trip on 2/15/64 and one of the individuals was SAM BOWERS, who was elected to head the klan in Mississippi. He said that another individual from Laurel who attended was RHEA LOMAX, Jonas Printers, Laurel, Miss. He does not know the names of any other persons who went along.

[redacted] states that on 2/8/64 the members voted to pull out of the National Organization, believed to be the Original Ku Klux Klan from Louisiana and form the Mississippi Klan. This change came about due to the Mississippi organization thinking they were not getting their share of the money back from the national group.

He related that on 2/15/64, some 200 members present at the meeting in Brookhaven had a very heated discussion about revising the constitution and bylaws. Most of the changes were finally adopted. SAM BOWERS was elected to head the new organization but has not been given a title name. BOWERS replaced (FNU) BYRD of Natchez, Mississippi.

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[redacted] stated all meetings were held at the Klavern Hall between Brookhaven and Hazlehurst, Mississippi. He does not know the location of the building. They drove north several miles when they observed a car parked on the side of the road with a rebel flag on the antenna. They identified themselves to the occupant of this automobile and were permitted to enter the area where the Klavern Hall was located.

[redacted] stated that from general conversation overheard at the meeting, the officials claim an estimate of 3,000 members in Mississippi and 80 in Laurel.

[redacted] advised that B. F. HINTON, Laurel Tile Company, heads the Laurel Klavern and is known as "Mr. EC". LAWRENCE BYRD, Byrd's Radio Service, is the secretary of the Laurel Klavern and has the names of all members in the Laurel Klavern. The members are identified by numbers and no names are mentioned at the meetings. [redacted] does not know who has the list of the members statewide, unless it would be BOWERS. BOWERS has a box which he carries in his automobile filled with records believed to be information regarding the various klaverns in Mississippi and may contain a membership list.

[redacted] stated that the Laurel Klavern has purchased a house for \$150 which they have moved to the property of LAWRENCE BYRD about 15 miles east of Laurel, off U.S. Highway 84. It is located near some oil wells and each member has been assessed \$4 per month until the house is paid for.

He related that the next statewide meeting will be held in Laurel if the building is completed by that time.

[redacted] said that from conversation he has overheard at the various meetings he has attended, is that anyone who might not conform to the klan's ideas may be subjected to bodily harm or killed. He cited an illustration which occurred about two or three weeks ago in Ellisville, Mississippi.

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A grocer had some trouble with a Negro who had talked "smart" to his wife. During or after the argument, some Negro got shot in the hand. He does not know if the Negro who got shot was the one involved in the argument. He said that ZACHERY JOHNSON, a Negro leader in Ellisville made some threats about boycotting the store. A request was made of the klavern by the members from Ellisville to take steps to quieten JOHNSON so he would not cause any further trouble. He believed the Ellisville members included two policemen, names not known, (one has some fingers missing on his right hand) and a preacher, name and denomination not known. The members present agreed to take any steps necessary. According to the report at the last meeting, a party of two or three members headed by PAUL RICHARDS, burned a cross in JOHNSON's yard and fired a shotgun two or three times. Later, some phone calls were made to JOHNSON telling him, "This is no joke", "This is the real thing", and suggested he straighten up and not cause any more trouble. JOHNSON reportedly asked the callers what he could do. [redacted] does not recall what instructions were reportedly given. It was reported that JOHNSON had apologized to the grocer and his wife.

[redacted] stated at the time of the original request some of the members wanted to whip JOHNSON and others wanted to tar and feather him. This was voted down. He reported that E. F. HINTON can authorize cross burnings and strappings (whippings) but anything more drastic must be approved by BOWERS.

He said that there had been talk about making telephone calls to various persons and he has heard the names of Dr. MURPHY (phonetic), telephone 428-4357 or 428-7052; PONDER or ANDREW GREEN, 426-4763; PARKER Taxi, 426-9344; CLINTON C. COLLINS, 608 East 15th Street, 428-0508 and Howard's Cafe, 6-1960 or home 5-1560. He believes all these individuals live in Laurel.

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He has also heard the name of JOHN LEWIS, National Chairman of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee mentioned. He does not recall the circumstances, but believed that some or all of these persons would receive telephone calls from various members of the klan.

He related that some oil man, name not known, reported that his wife works for the telephone company and can jam any phone so the caller will get a busy signal.

[redacted] states that in addition to the names of the members already mentioned, he knows the following by name:

GRADY CHANCE, Chance Texaco Service Station

JIM BISHOP, employed by the Weatherford Oil Tools Company

JERRY SMITH, Laurel, Police Department

(FNU) COWAN, Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol.

The individuals who joined the klan are told that they should not join for political purposes but the klan will probably have something along the political lines in the future.

[redacted] states he paid \$10 for initiation and \$10 for his roll. The dues are \$3 per quarter but will be raised to \$4 in the near future. He said that he has used his personal car to make trips on klan business and has had to defray his own expenses. He feels that during the organizational period, his expenses will be rather heavy since he is asked to use his car most of the time.

[redacted] states that he believes his expenses, provided he participates in the organizational activities, will run approximately \$75 to \$100 per week. When the new organization is set up, his travel expenses would be reduced.

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[REDACTED] states he will be willing to attend all local meetings when possible and make any trips out of town when business permits. (He feels that with most of the meetings being held on Saturday, he will be able to attend most of these meetings.)

He will furnish any names of members that he recognizes; the location of their esclandre when learned; and will furnish written reports of all meetings he attends and of any information he might get.

[REDACTED] The following physical description was obtained of from observation and interview:

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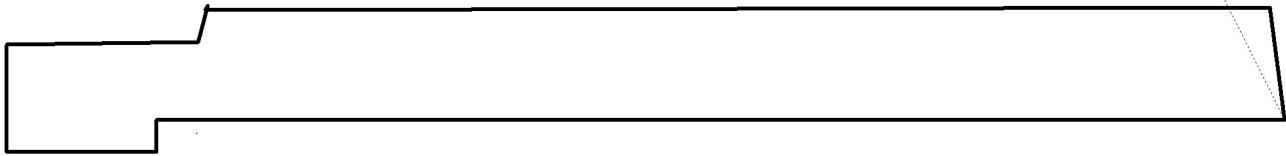
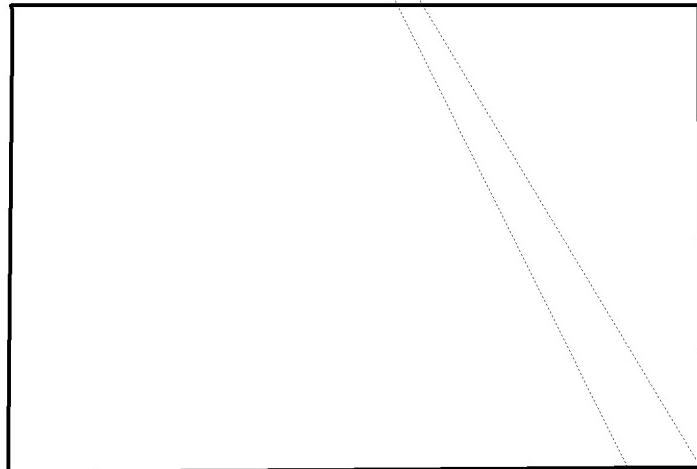
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-1962) (P)

SUBJECT: THE WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI
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Enclosed herewith are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning above captioned matter.

The source mentioned in the letterhead memorandum is [redacted], Laurel, Miss.

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New Orleans, Louisiana
March 7, 1964

THE WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI

On March 7, 1964, a confidential source with whom insufficient contact has been had to determine his reliability, furnished the following information:

The Laurel, Mississippi Klavern held a meeting Tuesday night, March 3, 1964. There were 27 members present. The leaders discussed the project regarding the two crosses that were to have been burned in Laurel, Friday, February 28, 1964. This project was called off since they feared a security leak and the additional police activity.

A motion was made that 20 crosses be burned in Laurel and in Jones County, Mississippi, this weekend. This number was finally reduced to 6 crosses. The time and places where the crosses were to be burned was not disclosed in the open meeting.

It was discussed that a cross would be burned only for a reason; that if the cross was not heeded, a strapping would be the next step. The strap to be used was shown to those present.

Two new units are in the process of being organized at Calhoun and Ellisville, Mississippi.

The local authorities have been advised of the proposed cross burnings.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

M E M O R A N D U M

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-1339)

DATE: 2/29/64

FROM : SA CLARENCE G. PROSPERE

SUBJECT: KLAN ACTIVITY,
NATCHEZ, MISSISSIPPI

Re memo of SA CLARENCE G. PROSPERE, 9/27/63, captioned
"DOUGLAS A. BYRD, KLAN-TYPE ORGANIZATIONS, NATCHEZ, MISS.". [redacted]

[redacted] former PCI - RAC, on 9/19/63, advised SA HUNTER E. HELGESON that, according to GEORGE TAYLOR, a member of a klan-type group, Yazoo City, Miss., one BYRD (phonetic), (FNU), but who is from Natchez, Miss., is the "Grand Wizard" of the KKK in Miss.

[redacted] former PCI - RAC, on 9/20/63, telephonically advised SA HUNTER E. HELGESON that (FNU) BYRD, from Natchez, Miss., whom he had previously described as the "Grand Wizard" in the State of Miss., was in Yazoo City, 9/30/63, meeting with local klan leaders.

[redacted] stated that, based on conversation he has had recently with GEORGE TAYLOR of Yazoo City, he is of the impression that one JACK SILL (correct name JACK SEALE), from Natchez, Miss., is the #1 organizer for the KKK in the State of Miss. Reportedly,

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SEALE met with JAMES ROBERTS, SR., and GEORGE TAYLOR in Yazoo City on 9/20/63. The nature of this meeting was not known to WRIGHT.

Sheriff WILLIAM T. FERRELL, Adams Co., Natchez, Miss., advised SA CLARENCE G. PROSPERE on 9/23/63, that he felt there was some klan-type activity going on in Adams Co., Miss. FERRELL advised that on the night of 9/20/63, a CLAUDE W. FULLER, who was an unsuccessful candidate for constable in the second district of Adams Co., Kingston, Miss., during the recent election, reported that he was driving home when six Negro males passed him on the Kingston Rd. near Natchez and these Negroes fired a shotgun blast of buckshot into the front fender of his car. FULLER stopped his car and ran into the woods, after which the Negroes returned and set fire to his car. The car was totally burned.

Sheriff FERRELL stated his investigation has indicated that the car was actually burned by FULLER as two days after winning the first primary he traded a 1962 Oldsmobile on which he still owed about \$2200 for the 1958 Ford which was burned. FERRELL pointed out that he had determined that FULLER owed about \$1000 on the Ford and had not as yet made a payment on the Ford. FERRELL stated the payments were past due and that FULLER had lost the election in the second primary.

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FERRELL stated that his reason for mentioning the above incident about FULLER was because on Saturday after the car of FULLER was burned, an individual by the name of DOUGLAS A. BYRD came to the SO to inquire why the story about FULLER's car had not been released to the local Natchez newspaper. Sheriff FERRELL pointed out that both he and Chief of Police J. T. ROBINSON of the Natchez PD had been withholding items from the newspaper which possibly bore on racial incidents.

Sheriff FERRELL went on the state that this same DOUGLAS A. BYRD had come to his attention earlier on Friday afternoon, 9/20/63, when the local trial of WILLIAM DENNIS WARE (NO 44-1893) came up in Natchez. FERRELL stated he had received information that cars of white males were coming to Natchez on the afternoon of 9/20/63, from Amite, Wilkinson and Franklin Counties with the object of keeping an eye on the Negroes who might attempt to demonstrate at or during the trial of WILLIAM DENNIS WARE. FERRELL stated that for this reason, he had his deputies in the vicinity of the Natchez City Hall and that among the individuals he observed was DOUGLAS A. BYRD accompanied by five unknown white males. BYRD was in a blue and white, 1957 or 1959 Ford, bearing a dealer's tag assigned to the dealer. FERRELL stated he did not have a record of this license number. It has since been determined that BYRD drives a 1960 light blue,

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two door Ford, bearing 1964 Miss. license 1-6051.

FERRELL stated that as a possible interesting sidelight, the burning of a Negro church on the lower Palestine Rd. near Natchez was reported Friday night, 9/20/63, and after developing further information on BYRD, he suspects BYRD has something to do with the burning of the church.

Sheriff FERRELL stated he did not know of any associates of BYRD other than possibly CLAUDE W. FULLER whom BYRD inquired about the morning after FULLER's car was burned.

In connection with the men coming from Amite, Wilkinson and Franklin Counties, FERRELL pointed out that about the time the cars were arriving near the Natchez City Hall, he observed Sheriff E. L. CASTON of Amite Co. in the vicinity of City Hall. FERRELL stated he asked CASTON what was going on and CASTON replied he was merely passing through Natchez and stopped for a cup of coffee. FERRELL stated CASTON was accompanied by two unknown white males and that Mr. L. K. WINGATE, 811 Kenwood Lane, Natchez, had advised the SO that Sheriff E..L. CASTON and his present Chief Deputy who is now Sheriff-elect, DANIEL JONES, are both members of klan-type organizations. It is pointed out that E. L. CASTON of Amite Co. is now the former Sheriff and that information has been developed which is set forth later in this memorandum that CASTON is an official of the KK in Miss.,

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and DANIEL JONES has now taken office as Sheriff in Amite Co., at Liberty, Miss.

FERRELL stated that he had determined that DOUGLAS A. BYRD had at one time submitted letters to the "Peoples Forum" a colum in the "Natchez Democrat", a local newspaper; that these articles were submitted following the admission of JAMES MEREDITH to the Univ. of Miss.

Background information regarding DOUGLAS A. BYRD has been obtained and is contained in New Orleans file 157-1340-30.

On 9/23/63, Chief of Police J. T. ROBINSON, Natchez, Miss., advised that he and Sheriff FERRELL of the Adams Co. SO, Natchez, Miss., had been working together on DOUGLAS A. BYRD in an attempt to develop information concerning BYRD. Chief ROBINSON advised that from a highly confidential source, he had obtained the following information from a notebook in the car of DOUGLAS A. BYRD when BYRD was in Natchez on 9/20/63. (The following information has been previously submitted and disseminated to the proper files.)

Fayette, Miss.	786-3143	R. M. CARNEGIE
Brookhaven, Miss.	5250	Mr. GILBERT
Brookhaven, Miss.	1474	
Summit, Miss.	276-7624	
Meadville, Miss.	384-5140	

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Liberty, Miss.	657-2661	CASTON
Yazoo City, Miss.	746-5183	
Woodville, Miss.	888-5471	JOHN LEWIS
Woodville, Miss.	888-4142	
Attempted contact	LEWIS COWART, Brookhaven, Miss., phone 117-R-2	
Brookhaven, Miss.	460	Mr. GILBERT or Mr. CALLENDER
Brookhaven, Miss.	1007W	C. E. CALLICOTT
Bossier City, La.	425-8093	BO YOUNG
Haughton, La.	949-3589	ROYAL B. YOUNG
Vidalia, La.	336-4238	

Chief ROBINSON advised that he further determined from his highly confidential source that DOUGLAS A. BYRD has a telephone in his 1957 or 1958 Ford and that the number of this Ford is JL 73429, registered to DOUGLAS BYRD Used Cars, 151 Liberty Rd., Natchez, Miss. It has since been determined that this telephone has been removed from the auto of BYRD.

Attorney WILLIAM H. BARBOUR, 117 East Jefferson St., Yazoo City, Miss., advised SA SAMUEL N. JENNINGS on 10/21/63, that CLAUDE H. DAVIS, aka., "Boots" Davis, a white male about 45 years of age, 6' tall, 160 lbs., slim build, sandy hair, formerly residing in Yazoo County, is now residing Vidalia, La. According to BARBOUR, DAVIS is known as a "contact" man for Natchez, Miss. in the KKK. BARBOUR was of the opinion that someone at Natchez, Miss., was issuing instructions and that DAVIS was traveling around to various locations carrying out these instructions for what appeared to be a klan leader at Natchez. BARBOUR advised that DAVIS drives a 1963, white over

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red, "88" Oldsmobile Sedan with La. license. DAVIS has made a number of trips to Yazoo Co., during the past few months and is related to a number of individuals in this county, some of whom are members of a klan organization at Yazoo City.

A summary of CLAUDE H. DAVIS, aka., "Boots" Davis, is contained in NO file 157-1474-6.

In connection with investigation conducted in the case captioned "UNSUBS (2); GEORGE GREEN; BRUCE PAYNE - VICTIMS", NO 44-2046, JACK SEALE and a brother of JACK SEALE as yet unidentified, are suspects.

In connection with investigation conducted in the case captioned "ERNEST HENRY AVANTS; JAMES KENNETH GREER; JOHN WILLIAM BARBER, aka., John Morgan Scott; FRANK HYMAN THURMAN; BRUCE LLOYD PAYNE - VICTIM", NO file 44-2047 (C), JAMES K. GREER, JOHN WILLIAM BARBER, ERNEST AVANTS and FRANK THURMAN, were identified as the subjects of this case.

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PCI - RAC, on 12/5/63,

advised SA EARL COX that on 12/4/63, ROYAL YOUNG of the La. KKK, stated that IRVING BAYLES, ROBERT FULLER and CHARLIE PIERSON were to meet J. D. SWENSON and accompany him in SWENSON's meeting with MURRAY MARTIN in Natchez, Miss., on 12/6/63. YOUNG stated that MURRAY MARTIN would be accompanied

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by DOUGLAS, who presently holds the title of Grand Dragon of Original Knights of KKK in La. and possibly by others. YOUNG stated that if a split is accomplished, MURRAY MARTIN would head up the klan in La. for ROBERT SHELTON.

On 12/19/63, FOIA(b) (7) - (D) RAC advised SA DONALD R. BELMONT that ROYAL YOUNG, SR., Imperial Dragon, OKKKK, is leaving at 10:00 A.M., 12/19/63, to attend a meeting in Miss. to be held the night of 12/19/63. Location of the meeting was not definite, but young mentioned the name Gloster, Miss. YOUNG has to travel to Monroe, La., and then to Vidalia, La., in his Cadillac. He may pick up JACK FULLER in Monroe. In Vidalia, La., he is to be picked up by private airplane which he claims will be flown by the Chief Deputy of the Miss. State Police, accompanied by Sheriff of one of the Miss. Counties, and they will be flown to the area of the meeting place in Miss.

YOUNG indicated this meeting is to be with persons in Miss. who pulled out of YOUNG's organization last week, and he will try to bring them back into the organization. YOUNG also indicated he would try to get rid of DOUGLAS BYRD, a leader of the rebellious group in Miss., and then place a man named SAMPSON in charge. YOUNG also said the Miss. people are unhappy with J. D. SWENSON and do not want him to come over to Miss. anymore. One reason given for this was that SWENSON had not

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obtained their klan robes for them yet, although he has already collected their money.

YOUNG also stated that a man named HAWKINS, who is reported to be Secretary-Treasurer of the Minute Men of the United States, and who lives somewhere in Miss., is supposed to be present at this meeting.

On 12/19/63, the foregoing information was telephonically furnished by SA DONALD R. BELMONT to SA CLARENCE G. PROSPERE at Natchez, Miss., and attempts were made by SA PROSPERE to develop information as to the meeting described above. On 12/19/63, Inspector DAN R. BARRETT of the MHSP, Brookhaven, Miss., advised that he knew of no airplane which was flown by any member of the MHSP, other than the official state plane which is stationed at Jackson, Miss.

Spot checks of the motels in Vidalia and Natchez, Miss., failed to show the presence of the Cadillac bearing the license number of ROYAL YOUNG, SR.

On 12/26/63, [REDACTED] (RAC), advised SA DONALD R. BELMONT that ROYAL YOUNG confirmed that he attended a meeting in Miss. on Thursday, 12/19/63. This was the meeting he had previously referred to as scheduled to be held in a town called Gloster, Miss., but he did not confirm upon his return whether

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the meeting was held there or where it was held. He said he drove to the meeting, and was not picked up in Vidalia, La., by a private plane as he had planned.

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YOUNG stated that the meeting with the Miss. people it was indicated that a man named BYRD, who was a leader of the KKK in Miss., will probably be ousted, and that a man named SAMPSON or SWANSON, will replace him as leader. This latter individual is a man who owns the private plane which was supposed to have picked up YOUNG in Vidalia for the meeting.

YOUNG said the Miss. people agreed they do not want J. D. SWENSON to come to Miss. anymore. He also said he was successful in getting a Sheriff and a State Police Officer in Miss. back into the organization.

On 1/1/64, [REDACTED] (RAC), advised SA DONALD R. BELMONT that ROYAL YOUNG, on 1/1/64, exhibited an official notice indicating he had expelled DOUGLAS BYRD from the OKKKK on 12/29/63. BYRD was a leader of the klan around Natchez, Miss.

On 1/5/64, [REDACTED], (Protect Identity), Jena, La., telephonically advised SA PAUL R. LANCASTER, Alexandria, La., that he had overheard conversations which led him to believe that the klan is active in Natchez, Miss., and

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that there is a shooting or sporting club of some type in Natchez where men are trained in the art of shooting.

On 1/6/64, [redacted], PCI (RAC), advised SA EARL COX that Mrs. ROYAL YOUNG made the statement on 12/19/63, that ROBERT FULLER and ROYAL YOUNG were in Natchez, Miss., at that time to attend a meeting with klan units in that area.

[redacted] advised that ROYAL YOUNG made the statement on 12/26/63, that he felt the trouble over the split developing in the klan was pretty well settled at that time. He remarked that he felt he might lose all the klan units in Miss. to DOUGLAS BYRD. He also commented that he was hopeful that a few of the Miss. klan units might stay with him. YOUNG had a letter from TOMMY L. JONES from Miss., who appeared to be an organizer, possibly in the Natchez area, and this letter advised YOUNG that JONES regreted the split that had developed in the klan, that he felt he should go with DOUGLAS BYRD, and JONES sent in his membership card, which appeared to show that he was #6 in klavern unit 1001 in Miss. The name of that klan unit appeared to be the Adams Company, Inc. (It has been determined as will be shown later, that TOMMY L. JONES is a member of the klan at Natchez, Miss., and is believed to be attached to the Cloverdale Klan.)

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On 1/13/64, [REDACTED], PCI (RAC),

advised SA EARL COX that ROYAL YOUNG stated he had received a letter sometime prior to 1/11/64, and had also received a telephone call from ALVIN SANSING of Miss., and that SANSING wanted YOUNG to attend a meeting with Miss. klan leaders to be held on 1/11/64. YOUNG stated that SANSING had told him that DOUGLAS BYRD was not speaking for all the Miss. klan when he told ROYAL YOUNG that Miss. klans did not want to stay with the original KKK. YOUNG stated that SANSING had told him that the Miss. klansmen did not want to follow the leadership of DOUGLAS BYRD and EDWARD MC DANIEL. YOUNG also stated that SANSING had advised him that E. S. GILBERT, who had been associated with BYRD and MC DANIEL in connection with the split in the klan, wanted to apologize to YOUNG and the old original KKK and that GILBERT wanted to stay with the klan headed by YOUNG. YOUNG did not make it clear who ALVIN SANSING is and just what his connection with the klan has been.

ROYAL YOUNG and CHARLIE PIERSON arrived in Vidalia, La., about 7:00 PM, 1/11/64, for the klan meeting to be held at the Shamrock Motel. The banquet room at the Shamrock had been reserved for this meeting and there were approximately 25 men present. YOUNG introduced PIERSON who was with him, as his personal aid. ALVIN SANSING was the spokesman for the Miss. klansmen at this meeting and the statement was made at the meeting that these men represented six different klan units

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in Miss., and that they wanted to go forward with ROYAL YOUNG to build the old Original Ku Klux Klan in Miss. The Miss. group stated to YOUNG that they wanted him to understand that they were satisfied with the explanation of the financial situation in the klan and it was pointed out to YOUNG that the trouble that arose was largely because of statements made by J. D. SWENSON and HOUSTON MORRIS in recruiting new members and organizing new units. It was stated that SWENSON and MORRIS had made statements that there were as high as 200 or 250 units in La. and that each unit had about 100 men in each. From statements allegedly made by SWENSON and MORRIS, klansmen in Miss. had concluded that a great deal of money was going into the klan and that this money was not being properly accounted for. At this meeting, YOUNG admitted there were only about 1500 men who were in the klan in La. and were paying dues. It was stated that klan units were required to pay into the national treasury of the klan, that is to ROYAL YOUNG, 50¢ per month for each of the klan members on the roll of the various klan units. It was stated that the klan unit treasurer was responsible to see that this 50¢ per month was paid to the national treasury. YOUNG made the statement to this group that he had records as proof as to how much money he had received in the klan treasury, and he had expense sheets showing what disposition was made of the funds sent into him.

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There was a discussion at this meeting at Vidalia, of the part that DOUGLAS BYRD had played in the split in the klan and the Miss. klan leaders present requested and received permission from ROYAL YOUNG to take any steps necessary to prevent BYRD from interfering with klan activities and the klan leadership in Miss. The impression was given by the Miss. klan leaders present at this meeting that they would definitely take any action necessary to deal with BYRD. The following are the names of some of the Miss. klan leaders present at this meeting:

BILLY JACK CASTON, Box 293, telephone 657-2431, Liberty, Miss., Grand Dragon of Miss. (The wife of BILLY JACK CASTON is presently employed as the Office Deputy of the present Sheriff, DANIEL JONES, Liberty, Miss.)

HAROLD BECKMER, telephone 876-2302, Tylertown, Miss., Chief, KBI of Miss.

JOHNNIE HAROLD SIMMONS, Rt. 4, telephone 876-3348, Tylertown, Miss., Grand Giant of Miss.

WINFRED R. LOWERY (a Baptist minister), Johnston, Miss., telephone 276-7477, Grand Chaplain of Miss. The impression was given that LOWERY belongs to a klan unit at Summit, Miss.

CHARLIE STRINGER, 209 Westview Cr., McComb, Miss., telephone 684-4416, Grand Kleagle of Miss.

AL SIBLEY, 502 Pearl River Ave., Mc Comb, Miss.

E. L. CASTON, who apparently is a Sheriff or has recently been a Sheriff in an area of Miss. near Natchez. (E. L. CASTON is the former Sheriff of Amite Co., Liberty, Miss., who went out of office on 1/6/64, and is presently engaged in dairy farming at Amite Co., Miss., near Liberty.)

YOUNG picked E. L. CASTON to be his personal aid in Miss. Comments made indicated that E. L. CASTON and BILLY JACK CASTON were cousins. (This has been verified.) E. L.

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CASTON stated to YOUNG that he, CASTON, had talked with the Gov. of Miss., and that he would get a special permit from the Gov. of Miss., for the chief of the KBI and for YOUNG and that they could use these permits to travel all over the State of Miss., in an official capacity for the State of Miss.

The statement was made that the personal aid, E. L. CASTON, to ROYAL YOUNG would have the authority to go anywhere at anytime on klan business, and that the personal aid would be answerable only to ROYAL YOUNG. It was said that CHARLIE PIERSON who accompanied YOUNG to the meeting at Vidalia, was YOUNG's personal aid in the State of La.

On 1/13/64, [REDACTED] PCI, (RAC),

advised SA EARL COX that ROYAL YOUNG had revoked the commissions and expelled the following klansmen:

DOUGLAS A. BYRD, Natchez, Miss.
EDWARD L. MC DANIEL, Natchez, Miss.
E. S. GILBERG, Brookhaven, Miss.

The charges set forth in the notice of expulsion indicated that the above individuals were guilty of committing treason by inciting or recommending a revolt to the principles of the old original rules and regulations.

On 1/31/64, [REDACTED] PCI (RAC), advised SA CLARENCE G. PROSPERE that the headquarters of the KKK in Adams Co., which is used by four separate klans in Adams Co., is located on the

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Morgantown Rd., near Natchez, Miss., across the road from Scarborough Machine Shop. [redacted] advised that the meeting night is every Tuesday night for the Morgantown klan and that he believes on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, the meeting hall if used by the other three klans.

On 2/4/64, [redacted] PCI (RAC), advised SA CLARENCE G. PROSPERE that DOUGLAS A. BYRD has a phone at the American Gas Station on the 61-84 Bypass, Natchez, Miss., in the name of Adams Co. Sportsman's Club and that BYRD has requested an extension for his phone at the headquarters of the KKK on the Morgantown Rd.

On 2/17/64, [redacted] PCI (RAC), advised SA PROSPERE that DOUGLAS A. BYRD had dropped his application for a phone at the Adams Co. Sportsman's Club on the Morgantown Rd. due to controversy over the name since there is a legitimate Adams Co. Sportsmen Club in Adams Co., Miss., which is actually comprised of sportsmen and has no association whatsoever with any KKK.

[redacted] advised that the Morgantown group is headed by ERNEST PARKER and that two other officers of the Morgantown group are DOUGLAS A. BYRD and JACK SEALE. [redacted] advised that the following individuals were present at the meeting at the Morgantown Rd. headquarters of the KKK on

2/11/64:

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ERNEST PARKER
 DOUGLAS BYRD
 JACK SEALE
 BABY RAY PARKER
 G. T. LAMBERT, 103 Rushing St., Morgantown Rd., Natchez
 GRADY LEVERTTE, 204 LaSalle St., Natchez, Miss. (city policeman)
 WILLIE STROUD, S. Pearl St., across from gun shop.
 (city policeman), Natchez, Miss.
 TOMMY L. JONES, Cloverdale, Natchez, Miss., (was visiting Morgantown group, believed to be a member of Cloverdale klan)
 W. W. "PEANUT" CARNELL, Mt. Carmel Subdivision, Morgantown Rd., Natchez, Miss. (operates machine shop on Hwy. 61 N.)
 DAVID CARNELL, son of W. W. CARNELL and is employed in machine shop of Scarborough across Morgantown Rd. from headquarters of KKK
 ROBERT MURRAY, City fireman, 36 Ouachita St., Natchez
 SIDNEY E. HANEY, Morgantown Rd., Natchez, Miss. (head of Citizens for Preservation of White Race)

[redacted] advised that the Morgantown group has a membership of approximately 40 [redacted]. He stated he knows there is a Sligo group and believes there is a Cloverdale group. He stated that there are definitely four groups that use the Morgantown Rd. headquarters. [redacted] advised that he was told by other members there were 300 to 400 members in the Adams Co. KKK.

[redacted] advised that following are individuals known to be members of the KKK, having been told by another member of the KKK:

MARIO HERNANDEZ, Deputy Sheriff, Adams Co., Natchez; Capt. J. G. WISNER, Natchez PD, who resides Wash., Miss., in the old Propinquity (phonetic) House; PETE HARVEY who is employed at SBT&T, Natchez, in the plant dept. outside of maintenance; TINEY LEWIS, owner of Bar-b-Q Pit, U. S. Hwy. 61 N. (LEWIS is a Col. on the Gov.'s staff of Miss., under the present Gov., PAUL B. JOHNSON).

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SHORTY BREELAND, employed International Paper and
resides Kennenburg, Miss.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-1962) DATE: 3/4/64

FROM : SA ROBERT EDWARD LEE

SUBJECT: THE WHITE KNIGHTS OF
THE KU KLUX KLAN OF
MISSISSIPPI
RM

(OO: NO)

The following investigation was conducted by
SA ROBERT EDWARD LEE:

At Laurel, Mississippi

On 2/20/64, L. C. NIX, Chief of Police, was advised of the possible activity of this organization in Laurel on Saturday night, 2/22/64.

On 2/24/64, Chief NIX advised that he had alerted his ranking officers of the possible demonstrations. They had worked on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday nights in an effort to discourage any activity. He said that a number of the Auxiliary Police had been asked to work on these nights but were not advised of the reason.

He related that to his knowledge, no crosses were burned in the Laurel area, and no telephone calls received.

Chief NIX stated that he has learned that JIM BISHOP and GRADY CHANCE may have been responsible for the burning of several crosses around Jones County several weeks ago.

He has also learned that J. W. PRUVIS, City Engineer, is a member of the Klan in Laurel.

Chief NIX stated he will attempt to secure more information on the Klan activity in Laurel, and anything he gets will be furnished to the FBI.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS [redacted]

FROM : SA, ROBERT EDWARD LEE

SUBJECT: [redacted]
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DATE: 2/25/64

On 2/24/64, with reference to 157-1962 - entitled THE WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI - RM, advised that he had worked ~~at~~ Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights at the Drive in ~~Theatre~~ over the weekend and does not know of any incidents. He heard that the planned activity was called off due to the extra police patrol.

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New Orleans, Louisiana
March 2, 1964

WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI

On February 29, 1964, a confidential source, with whom insufficient contact has been made to determine his reliability, advised that to his knowledge there were no crosses burned in Laurel, Mississippi on the evening of February 28, 1964.

On March 1, 1964, Chief of Police L. C. Nix, Laurel, Mississippi Police Department, advised that during the evenings of February 28 and 29, 1964, he had additional ranking officers of his department on duty and that no reports of any cross burnings in Laurel, Mississippi had been received by his department.

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AIR MAIL

TO DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-1962)
WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI
RACIAL MATTERS

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Re New Orleans airtel 2/26/64 with enclosed letterhead memorandum.

Enclosed herewith are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum pertaining to captioned organization which are self explanatory.

The source mentioned in the enclosed letterhead memorandum is
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TO: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157- New)

2/28/64

FROM: SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER

SUBJECT: KLAN-TYPE ACTIVITY
JONES COUNTY, MISS
RM

Information has been developed that there is a Klan type group in the Laurel, Miss. area which is located in Jones County. This group is associated with a new formed Klan organization known as the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi .

It is therefore recommended that a new 157 case be opened captioned as above and that any Klan type activity in Jones County, Miss. be placed in this file with a copy also to be routed to the file captioned White Knights of the KKK NO file 157-1962.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC

DATE: 2/24/64

FROM : SA SAMUEL E. VIRDEN, II

SUBJECT: KKK threat to Charles Evers
RM

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Re phone call from ASAC 2/20/64. ASAC instructed that local authorities be advised that a confidential source had informed the New Orleans office that the "Local Klavern" was "going to do something about Charles Evers and were "a little slow about it". The above information was given to Asst Chief of Police M.B. PIERCE on the same date. Chief PIERCE stated he was glad to receive this information. He said that similar information had come to his attention.

① cc to White Knights of Ku Klux Klan of Miss., 157-19624

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, New Orleans

DATE: 2/25/64
Biloxi, Mississippi

FROM : SA H. Warren Tool, Jr.

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SUBJECT: The White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi
RM
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Attached are the following items:

- 1) Constitution of The White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi.
- 2) copy of First Edition of "The People's Voice dealing with RM.

Item #1 furnished 1/30/64, item #2 furnished 2/19/64, to SAs David P. HURLEY and H. Warren TOOL, jr., at Biloxi, Mississippi, by Mrs. N. M. MORELLI, #101 Bel Aire Motel, West Beach, Biloxi.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (1570-

DATE: 2/20/64

FROM : SA, ROBERT EDWARD LEE

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SUBJECT: THE WHITE KNIGHTS of the
KU KLUX KLAN of
MISSISSIPPI
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The following investigation was conducted by SA ROBERT EDWARD LEE:

AT LAUREL, MISS:

On 2/19/64, [redacted] furnished an application for citizenship in the Invisible Empire of this organization. He also furnished a copy of "Fifty Reasons Why You Should be a Member of the Original Ku Klux Klan, by: R. E. DAVIS, SR., IMPERIAL WIZARD."

He secured the application at the last meeting and the Fifty Reasons why you should become a member from some unidentified person. These articles will be kept in the files of the New Orleans Office

He stated that he had heard the names of a Dr. MURPHY (PH), 428-4357 or 428-7052; RONDER or ANDREW GREEN, 426-4763; PARKER TAXI 426-9344; CLINTON C. COLLINS, 608 E. 15st Street, 428-0508 and HOAWRIDS CAFE, 61960 -- Home 5-1560, mentioned on occasions. He believes all live in Laurel.

He has also heard the name of JOHN LEWIS, National Chairman of the Student non-violent coordinating committee, mentioned. He does not recall the circumstances but believes that some or all of these persons will receive telephone calls from various members of the Klan.

[redacted] informed that he has heard that three of the city officials from ELLISVILLE, Mississippi are members of the local Klan. He believes that JERRY SMITH, Patrolman, Laurel PD is a member of the Klan.

[redacted] states he will report any additional information he may get from this organization.

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-1962)

SUBJECT: WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
OF MISSISSIPPI
RM

Enclosed herewith are eight (8) copies of a letterhead memorandum pertaining to captioned organization which are self-explanatory.

The source mentioned in enclosed letterhead memorandum is [redacted] FOIA(b) (7) - (D) PRI.

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New Orleans, Louisiana
February 26, 1964

WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX
KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI

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It was discussed that Chief Nix may have been pulling a bluff by calling out the auxiliary policemen. The membership present voted to burn two crosses in Laurel Friday night, February 28, 1964, to prove they were not bluffing.

One cross is to be burned at the home of Harry Brown, owner, the Diamond Shop, and the other at Brown's Funeral Home. Source states this funeral home is believed to be operated by a Negro. No reason was given for the proposed burnings.

L. C. Nix, Chief of Police, has been advised.

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New Orleans, Louisiana
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TO : SAC, New Orleans [redacted]

FROM : SA H. Warren Tool, Jr.

SUBJECT: [redacted]

DATE: 2/25/64

Biloxi, Mississippi

PCI

This individual first contacted NO Division on 1/30/64, stating she had information regarding party named HINTON from Laurel, Mississippi, who was supposedly in Ku Klux Klan.

On same date, during interview, she made available a voluminous Constitution of "The White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi", copy of which was made and original returned to her.

A new case has been recommended opened as to this party. Also new case opened re "The White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi". ~~Stew~~

On 2/19/64, source made available the first edition of "The People's Voice" dealing with KKK, NAACP and Racial Matters. (see 1-A file of case titled "The White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi".

Source again contacted NO division on 2/6/64. She has been contacted on 1/30/64 and 2/19/64 by SAs D. P. HURLEY & H. W. TOOL, Jr.

Background: [redacted]

Source knows entertainment people on Gulf Coast. Has been of assistance on 2/19/64, in case entitled "HAROLD LOYD JOYCE, Aka, FUG., UFAP, NO file 88-5396.

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CC: NO new case entitled "The White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi", RM

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To: SAC, New Orleans

PERSONAL ATTENTION

From: Director, FBI

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WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI
RACIAL MATTERSRACIAL INFORMANT PROGRAM
NEW ORLEANS DIVISION

Re New Orleans airtel dated 2/17/64 captioned, "Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan"; New Orleans airtel 2/17/64 captioned, "Louisiana Ku Klux Klan"; New Orleans rad 2/20/64 captioned, "White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi."

Referenced airtels set forth that a split has occurred in the organization Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. There is some indication that one part is now called "White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi." This matter should be immediately investigated to ascertain the identities of the two groups, leaders, membership, activities, aims and purposes and other pertinent information.

Referenced New Orleans rad indicates that [redacted] has furnished information concerning the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. Enclosed is a copy of a letter written by [redacted] to the Attorney General dated 2/19/64. If not already done, the receipt of this letter should be verbally acknowledged with [redacted]. The investigation concerning [redacted] background should be expeditiously pursued and upon completion evaluation should be made as to his potential as a racial informant. The Bureau should be immediately advised of the results together with your evaluation and recommendation concerning [redacted].

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AIRTEL TO SAC, NEW ORLEANS
RE: WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KIAN

Referenced rad also sets forth that Assistant Chief of Police, Jackson, Mississippi, Police Department, informed that a Klan-type group has been formed in Clinton, Mississippi. Also, that the Klan in Mississippi is organized in thirty-five counties with a total of eighteen hundred members. Bufiles do not indicate that Klan organizations in New Orleans territory have such a large membership. In fact, Bufiles show that Klan groups in your territory have small membership and until recently have been almost nonexistent.

If this information concerning Klan organizations being active in thirty-five counties is accurate, it is apparent that your coverage of this activity is not adequate. This situation should not have developed to such an extent without coming to the attention of Agents handling these matters. Immediate steps should be taken to improve this situation. If the personnel presently assigned to these matters is not sufficient, immediate consideration should be given to the assignment of additional personnel. //

It has been pointed out to your office in recent months on several occasions that expeditious attention should be given to the development of additional racial informants and this matter should receive your personal attention to insure that appropriate action is taken.

[REDACTED]
Laurel, Mississ.
Feb. 19, 1964

Mr. Robert Kennedy
Attorney General
United States of America
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Kennedy,

Recently I was invited to join the K.K.K. here in Mississippi. I discussed this with Mr. R. E. Lee the F.B.I. man here in Laurel. He asked me to join and keep him informed of the things that takes place. This I have done and it is bigger and deeper than even I had expected. Of course I can get out at anytime by taking another oath.

This is really an expensive expedition here. Even my life is at stake if they knew of this.

You need to talk to me and you can call me at Laurel, Mississippi [REDACTED] The best time would be about 9:00 A.M. Central Standard time.

[REDACTED]

This week end there is to be a lot of activity here in Laurel. They plan to burn several crosses, threatening telephone calls to several people, both white & colored.

I know the names of the leaders in this county as well as the leaders of other counties. As I say it is expensive to make these trips both from my business and personal. I know how this organization works, and am gathering names, a few at a time, in more than one county. I also am personally acquainted with the big man in charge of the state, who would give the word.

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Your help is needed, because they will go to no end for their cause and they say Mr. Charles Evers, must be stopped now.

This is not my way of life but I want to help if I can, and you can help me both protectively & moneytarily.

I would call you but I don't want to trust the operators here. If you are interested please call, otherwise I will get out of this group but fast.

One might think it is the scum of the earth that belongs to an organization of this sort but it is business men that are highly respected. There are also some oilmen and some from all walks of life.

The literature I have is 50 Reasons why you should belong, and an application which is signed by each member. The bookkeeper that has the entire list is in business and has a good one. He has the list of names but have no marking to identify it with this club.

I am really not afraid but when they take someones life, I don't want no part of it and I want to be able to stop it.

I know, whether you believe it or not that I will be killed if found out. I have made 3 trips across the state to attend the elections and draw up an addittional set of by-laws & regulations. This group means business, if you asked how many, I would say 80 in Laurel, and across the state 3,000 and growing fast.

Please advise me what to do.

Sincerely,

FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

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[redacted]
Laurel, Mississippi
Feb. 19, 1964

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This is no prank. I am District supervisor with the American National Ins. Co. I have been with them 18 years. I have worked in LaGrange, Ga., Nashville, Tenn., Memphis, Tenn., Paducah, Ky., Knoxville, Tenn., Baton Rouge, La., and here with them. It is a full time job.

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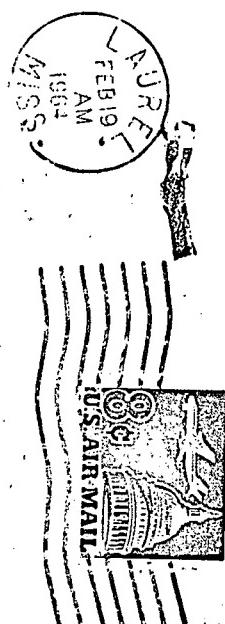
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[Redacted]
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Personal
Mr. Robert Kennedy
Attorney General
United States of America
Washington - 25 - D.C.



Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-new)

DATE: 2/17/64

FROM : SA HUNTER E. HELGESON

FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

SUBJECT: KKK ACTIVITY, [REDACTED] HINDS COUNTY, Miss.
RM

On 2/17/64 Asst. Chief of Police M.B. PIERCE (NA), Police Department, Jackson, Miss. furnished the following information:

On 1/9/64 [REDACTED] Jackson Police Dept. was approached by one JIMMY WIGGS an employee of Parts and Equipment Wholesalers, Rankin St., Jackson, Miss., and propositioned to join a KKK group in Jackson. [REDACTED] was asked by WIGGS if he would attend an organizational meeting of the KKK to be held soon. [REDACTED] reported this contact to Deputy Chief JOHN L. RAY and PIERCE. They instructed him to join the KKK group and furnish the Jackson PD with information concerning the activities of this group.

On 1/15/64 [REDACTED] attended a meeting held at 8:30PM at the Boy Scout Hut, W. Lawson St., Clinton, Miss. There were about thirty persons present. All gave the indication this was their first meeting; however it later developed this was not the case. As the meeting commenced a man wearing a red robe with white cross, a hood and wearing a .45 automatic pistol on a belt entered the room. He took the pistol out of the holster and laid it down on a Bibles on a table. This person then started talking to the group. He told of the background and organization of the KKK. He was a good speaker. At the conclusion of his remarks he asked for questions from the group. There were none and he asked if anyone wanted to leave. No one left. He then administered various oaths to the group for about ten minutes and then said there were already Klan members in the group. He again asked if anyone wanted to leave. None did.

2 - KKK ACTIVITY HINDS COUNTY, MISS.

- 1 - MEMPHIS(RM) (Info) *LAUREL*
- 2 - 157-new SAM BOWERS (Brookhaven, Miss.)
- 2 - 157-new J.N. FORTENBERRY
- 2 - 157-new KLAN ACTIVITY RANKIN COUNTY, MISS.
- 2 - 157-new KLAN ACTIVITY, COPIAH COUNTY, MISS.
- 1 - 157-new KLAN ACTIVITY, LINCOLN COUNTY, MISS.
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He then asked all old members to stand. All but three persons, including [redacted], stood. At this point the three new members were sworn in as "blood brothers of the KKK". The man then took off his hood and was determined by [redacted] to be J.N. FORTENBERRY, an employee of the Water Works Dept., City of Jackson. A note in [redacted] report at this point states that H.L. HOLMES was at this time "President or E.C." PIERCE did not know the significance of this notation. (E. C. may refer to Exalted Cyclops). HOLMES reportedly runs Holmes Used Car Lot on South Gallatin St., Jackson. At this meeting [redacted] was elected to the temporary post of Klan Investigator. He was asked by unidentified person at meeting to bring in another police officer whom he trusted to help him.

At the instructions of PIERCE [redacted], agreed to join this KKK group to assist [redacted] in gathering information.

On 1/22/64 another meeting was held in the same place. [redacted] attended with [redacted]. [redacted] was sworn in.

On 1/29/64 another meeting was held at the same place. There was an election of officers. [redacted] was elected by unanimous acclamation to the post of Klan Investigator.

On 2/5/64 another meeting was held at the same place. Nine new members were sworn in. It was announced that the Clinton group was then organized with sixty members. It was said (person not noted who furnished the information) that the Klan is now organized in 35 counties in Miss. with a total of 1800 members. At this meeting a motion was put forth that a group from this Klan should go to Brookhaven, which is state headquarters, to ask Imperial Wizard SAM BOWERS for permission to burn crosses in Jackson. As of this date this group had no activity.

This is the only KKK group known to be operating in the Jackson area. It meets in Clinton as this was the only available meeting place. It uses a rod and gun club front.

The officers of the Clinton group known to [redacted] and [redacted] are as follows:

Kleagle or State Organizer - J. N. FORTENBERRY	
E.C. or President - PRICE GRAY (PH)	
Night Hawk or Asst. Lecturer - JIMMY WIGGS	
Secretary - SCOTT DENDY	
Treasurer - JAMES EARL Mc CASKELL	
Inner Guard - "Frenchy" BURDINE	

In addition to the above the following are known to be members:

HOSIE WIGGS
H. L. HOLMES, JR.
CLARENCE Mc CASKELL
WILLIAM "WILLIE" SUMRALL

SUMRALL reportedly offered his place of business, a service station, 701 Mc Dowell Road, Jackson as a possible meeting place for a possible group in South Jackson which the Clinton group will try to organize. According to PIERCE, SUMRALL approached COP W.D. RAYFIELD when he was originally propositioned to join and did join with the knowledge of RAYFIELD with the understanding he would furnish information to RAYFIELD concerning Klan activities.

[redacted] and [redacted] have specifically heard mention of KKK groups in Copiah, Lincoln, Jasper and Rankin Counties.

CAUTION: PIERCE ADVISED THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION SHOULD BE TREATED AS CONFIDENTIAL AND THAT THE IDENTITIES OF OFFICERS [redacted] AND [redacted] NOT BE DIVULGED OUTSIDE THE FBI. HE ALSO REQUESTED THAT THE JACKSON POLICE DEPARTMENT NOT BE IDENTIFIED AS THE SOURCE OF THIS INFORMATION AS IT MIGHT JEPRODIZE THE SAFETY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF THE OFFICERS.

Pierree advised that he will continue to furnish to the FBI all information developed by these officers relative to KKK activity, but requested that the officers not be contacted directly by agents relative to this matter. He said that if any particular information is desired he or Deputy Chief JOHN L. RAY should be contacted and they will obtain the desired information from the officers.

Pierce further advised that he desired that it be made a matter of record with the FBI that officers [redacted] and [redacted] have joined the KKK at the specific request of officials of the Jackson PD in an undercover capacity.

LEADS:

At Jackson, Miss.

1. Will maintain contact with Ass't Chief of Police M.B. PIERCE and obtain additional names of members, identity of locations of other Klan groups and their leaders and members, and there activities.

2. WILL ascertain from PIERCE if through his sources the Klan groups at Clinton, Miss., and other counties mentioned are or were associated with the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of which Royal Virgil Young is the Imperial Wizard or with the United Klans of Robert Shelton of Tuscaloosa, Ala. If not associated with these Klan groups will determine with what Klan group they are associated with.

3. Will make necessary contacts and develop racial informants in the group that meets in Clinton, Miss.

4. Will conduct necessary background investigation on J.N. Fortenberry, such as credit and criminal, employment records etc.

LAUREL

At Brookhaven, Miss.

Will identify SAM BOWERS, alleged Imperial Wizard and conduct credit and criminal checks and other necessary investigation for background information for possible inclusion in a future summary report.

At Copiah County, Miss.

Will conduct necessary investigation to determine the location of Klan type groups, their leaders and members and develop racial informants in these groups.

At Jasper County, Miss.

Will conduct necessary investigation to determine the location of Klan type groups, their leaders and members and develop racial informants in these groups.

At Lincoln County, Miss.

Will conduct necessary investigation to determine the locations of the Klan type groups, their leaders and members and develop racial informants in these groups.

At Rankin County, Miss.

Will conduct necessary investigation to determine the locations of the Klan type groups, their leaders and members and develop racial informants in these groups.

IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT EXPERIENCE IN THE PAST HAS SHOWN THAT KLAN-TYPE GROUPS HAVE BEEN ORGANIZED AND KNOWN BY THE NAMES OF HUNTING AND FISHING CLUBS OR SPORTSMANS CLUBS OR RIFLE CLUBS.

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TO NMW OPBANG

FROM DIRECTOR J P

WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI.
RACIAL MATTERS.

REURAD FEBRUARY TWENTY, SIXTYFOUR.

ADVISE WHETHER CROSSES BURNED VICINITY LAUREL,
MISSISSIPPI, SINCE SUBMISSION REURD. ADVISE WHETHER
TELEPHONE CALLS MADE TO VARIOUS PERSONS. SUTEL WITHIN
THE HOUR.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM NEW ORLEANS

WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI.

RACIAL MATTERS.

RE YOUR TEL 2-24-64 AT 7:38 PM.

ON FEB. TWO ZERO, LAST L. C. PINE, LAUREL, MISS. TELL ADVISED
OF THE POSSIBLE ACTIVITIES OF THIS ORGANIZATION. CHIEF ONLY REPORTED
TODAY THAT HE AND THE OTHER BANKING OFFICERS WORKED FRIDAY,
SATURDAY, AND SUNDAY NIGHTS. NO REPORTED CROSSSES SIGNED OR
TELEPHONE CALLS. FBI [redacted] ADVISED TODAY
THAT HE WAS WORKING AT THE DRIVE INN THEATER OVER THE WEEKEND.
HE WORKED AT NIGHT AND DOES NOT KNOW OF ANY INCIDENTS. HE
HEARD THE PLANNED ACTIVITY WAS CALLED OFF DUE TO THE EXTRA POLICE
PATROL. HE WILL FURNISH RESULTS OF NEXT MEETING TO BE
HELD TUESDAY NIGHT TWO TWENTYFIVE SIXTYFOUR.

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-new) (P)
SUBJECT: WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
OF MISSISSIPPI
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Enclosed for Bureau are eight copies of letterhead memorandum re captioned matter.

The first confidential source mentioned in enclosed letterhead memorandum is [redacted]

On 1/28/64,

[redacted], Laurel, Mississippi, telephoned SA ROBERT EDWARD LEE and stated he is associated with the American National Insurance Company, is a member of the Auxiliary Police and a former member of the U. S. Navy. He said that recently he had been approached by an unidentified individual to join the Klan in Laurel. [redacted] wanted to know if the FBI was interested in any information he might get in the event he would join. He was advised that the FBI would accept any information anyone desired to furnish.

On 2/19/64, around 8:30 PM, [redacted] furnished the information contained in the enclosed letterhead memorandum.

[redacted] offered his services and stated he would need some finances if he continued in the organization. If his services were not needed, he was getting out of the organization fast since it was much larger than he thought at first. [redacted] is described as follows:

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On 2/20/64, [redacted] called and related that he had neglected to mention during the interview on 2/19/64 that he had mailed a letter to Honorable ROBERT F. KENNEDY, Attorney General, United States, Washington, D. C., on 2/19/64, furnishing about the same information as set out in the letterhead memorandum.

The second confidential source mentioned in the enclosed letterhead memorandum is [redacted]

Local authorities at Jackson, Mississippi, have been notified of the pertinent information contained in the enclosed memorandum regarding CHARLES EVERNS.

The reason that [redacted] identity is being concealed is because a 170 file has been opened on [redacted] and background investigation is being instituted and as soon as background investigation completed Bureau authority will be requested to contact [redacted].

New Orleans, Louisiana

February 21, 1964

WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI

On February 19, 1964, a confidential source, with whom insufficient contact has been had to determine reliability, advised he recently joined the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi, Laurel, Mississippi. He said that he joined because he was interested in determining their activities since he is a member

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He attended a Klan meeting on Tuesday night, February 18, 1964, during which time it was discussed that seven crosses would be burned in Laurel, Saturday night, February 22, 1964. All crosses except three are to be burned in unidentified Negro communities. One of the three is to be burned at the home of a Mr. Fine (may be Alvin R. Fine, Vice President of Fine Brothers - Mattress Company). One at the home of a Mr. Chisholm (believed to be Mr. Alex P. Chisholm, Chairman of the Board, First National Bank). The other one is to be burned in front of the Diamond Shop (operated by Harry Brown). The leader, not identified, finally decided against burning the one at the home of Mr. Chisholm since he is powerful politically and may cause trouble.

This source related that after the crosses are burned telephone calls will be made to the various persons involved, instructing them to discontinue whatever practice the Klan believes they are guilty of.

He informed that some person present made the statement that the Jackson, Mississippi, branch of group is not doing their job since Charles Evers is supposed to have been gone.

This same source said that, according to his information, the Klan in Mississippi was formerly associated with some group in Louisiana, but has now pulled out and formed their own. The application listed the organization as "The White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi." He believes the headquarters will be located in or near

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Laurel. This group has offices at the Laurel Municipal Airport under the name of the Laurel Sportsmen Club. Prospective members are taken to this club and after they decide to become members they are taken to another place east of Laurel, where the Klan has purchased a house to hold initiations. He does not know the location of this building since it has only been opened for about one week.

This same source said that Mississippi is divided into five sections with Brookhaven and Natchez being two cities. He has heard that a Mr. (First Name Unknown) Gilbert is associated with the Brookhaven group and a Mr. (First Name Unknown) Byrd is associated with the group in Natchez.

This same source stated that from information he has overheard an individual by the name of Sam Bowers, Laurel, is reported to be the head of the state organization. B. P. Hinton is head of the Laurel group. The membership of the Laurel Klan is believed to be approximately 50 members.

A second confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on February 17, 1964, that a Klan-type group has been established and meets at the Boy Scout Hut located on West Lawson Street, Clinton, Mississippi.

Meetings are held every Wednesday evening and at one of these meetings there were about 30 persons present. The Clinton group is reported to have 60 members and that at a meeting on February 5, 1964, it was announced that the Klan is organized in thirty-five counties in Mississippi, with a total of 1600 members.

An individual, identified as Sam Bowers, was identified as the "Imperial Wizard" for the State of Mississippi, and that the group at Clinton is officially known as a red and gun club.

**RE: WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU
KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI**

It was reported that the group which meets at Clinton would attempt to organize another Klan-type group in South Jackson, Mississippi, and that Klan-type groups were reportedly operating in Copiah, Lincoln, Jasper and Rankin Counties, Mississippi.

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTENTION: CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-NEW)

RE: WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
OF MISSISSIPPI
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Attached are 8 copies of a letterhead memorandum containing information furnished to SA ROBERT EDWARD LEE, on 2/21/64, by [redacted]
Laurel, Miss.

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New Orleans, Louisiana
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WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN OF
MISSISSIPPI

On February 21, 1964, a confidential source, with whom insufficient contact has been had to determine reliability, volunteered the following information:

He stated that he is a member of the Laurel, Mississippi, Klavern; (that he, along with other members from Laurel have made trips to Brookhaven, Mississippi, on February 8 and February 15, 1964.)

On February 15, 1964, he and seven others, including Sam Powers, attended a meeting, and Powers was elected on that date to head captioned organization in Mississippi. The source advised that approximately 300 members were present at this meeting and voted to pull out of the original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, believed to be from Louisiana, which was done. The change was reportedly brought about when the Mississippi members figured they were not getting enough money back from the Louisiana organization.

There was a heated discussion on February 15, 1964, by the members present concerning the revision of the constitution and by-laws, but most of the changes were formally adopted. Powers was then elected to head the new organization in Mississippi, replacing (first name unknown) Byrd of Kosciusko, Mississippi. Powers has not been given a title name as yet.

Source stated the meetings were held in the Klavern hall between Brookhaven and Hattiesburg, Mississippi. He does not know the location of the building. He recalls they drove several miles north of Brookhaven where they observed a car parked on the side of the road with a Rebel flag on the radio antenna. They identified themselves and were permitted to enter the grounds where the Klavern hall was located.

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To: WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi

The source stated that from general conversation contained at the meetings, the officials claim over 3,000 members in the Mississippi Klan, and 50 in Laurel.

The source informed that R. P. Sutton, Laurel KKK Company, heads the Laurel Knights and is known as "P. P. C." Lawrence Byrd, Byrd's Radio Service, is the Secretary of the Laurel Knights and reportedly has all the names of the local members. He stated the local members are identified by numbers only and no names are mentioned during the meetings. The source does not know who has the list of state-wide members, unless it would be Byrd.

Byrd has a box which he carries with him in his automobile, containing records of the various Knights and it may consist of a list of names.

This source indicated that the Laurel Knights have purchased a house which they have moved to, the property of Lawrence Byrd, about fifteen miles east of Laurel, off US Highway 64. This building is located near some oil wells.

The source related that the next state-wide meeting will be held in Laurel if the building is completed by that time.

The source said that conversations he has overheard at the various meetings he has attended indicate that anyone who might not conform to the Klan ideas may be subjected to bodily harm or killed.

He cited an illustration which occurred about two or three weeks ago in Hattiesburg, Mississippi:

A grocer had some trouble with a Negro who had talked smart to his wife. During or after the trouble a Negro was shot in the hand. He does not know if the Negro who was shot was the one involved in the trouble.

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~~NOT: UNITS ENGAGED IN THE INK HILL PLAN OF MARCH 1934~~

A Negro leader, Factory Johnson, of Billerville, made some threats about a boycott of the store. At a meeting of the members following the above incident a request was made of the members by the members from Billerville to take steps to quiet Johnson, so that he would not cause any further trouble. The members present agreed to take steps necessary.

The source related that according to the report at the next meeting, a party of two or three members had barged a census in Johnson's yard and fired a shot gun two or three times. Two or three phone calls were then made by Johnson reportedly telling him "This is no joke; this is the real thing," and suggesting that he straighten up and not cause anymore trouble. Johnson reportedly asked them what he could do. The source does not recall what instructions were given. The members did learn that Johnson had apologized to the grocer and his wife after the incident.

The source informed that at the time of the original request some of the members wanted to whip Johnson and others wanted to "tar and feather him." This was voted down.

The source reported that S. P. Hinton has the authority to authorize cross burning and strapping (whippings), but anything more drastic must be approved by Bureau.

The next meeting in Laurel will be held on Tuesday, March 9, 1934.

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TO: DIRECTOR

FROM: NEW ORLEANS /157-NEW// KKK Qm., Miss.

WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI, RM.

[REDACTED], LAUREL, MISS. ADVISED EVENING OF FEBRUARY NINETEEN, SIXTY FOUR, THAT HE ATTENDED KLAN TYPE MEETING FEBRUARY EIGHTEEN, SIXTY FOUR, AT LAUREL, MISS. WHERE IT WAS DISCUSSED THAT SEVEN CROSSES WOULD BE BURNED ON THE EVENING OF FEBRUARY TWENTY TWO, SIXTY FOUR, IN THE LAUREL AREA. ALL CROSSES, EXCEPT THREE, ARE TO BE BURNED IN AN UNIDENTIFIED NEGRO COMMUNITIES. CROSSES NOT BURNED IN NEGRO COMMUNITIES ARE TO BE BURNED IN FRONT OF RESIDENCES OR BUSINESSES OF WHITE PERSONS IN LAUREL AND THAT AFTER CROSSES ARE BURNED TELEPHONE CALLS WILL BE MADE TO VARIOUS PERSONS INVOLVED INSTRUCTING THEM TO DISCONTINUE WHATEVER PRACTICE THE KLAN BELIEVES PERSONS GUILTY OF. [REDACTED] INFORMED THAT GROUPS OF CAPTIONED ORGANIZATION

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ARE ESTABLISHED AT JACKSON, BROOKHAVEN AND NATCHEZ, MISS. AT THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY EIGHTEEN, SOME OF THOSE PRESENT MADE THE STATEMENT THAT THE JACKSON GROUP WAS NOT DOING THEIR JOB INASMUCH AS CHARLES EVERIS IS SUPPOSED TO HAVE GONE. FOR INFORMATION, BUREAU, CHARLES EVERIS IS FIELD SECRETARY, NAACP AND THE BROTHER OF THE LATE MEDGAR EVERIS.

ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] CAPTIONED ORGANIZATION WAS FORMERLY ASSOCIATED WITH SOME GROUP IN LOUISIANA PAREN PROBABLY THE ORIGINAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN END PAREN, BUT HAD PULLED AWAY FROM THE LOUISIANA GROUP AND FORMED THEIR OWN ORGANIZATION AND ON APPLICATIONS THE NAME OF THE ORGANIZATION LISTED AS THE WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI.

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THE BUREAU HAS/PREVIOUSLY INFORMED OF A SPLIT WHICH OCCURRED IN THE ORIGINAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN WHEREIN MISSISSIPPI MEMBERS DEFECTED.

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INTERVIEW ON FEBRUARY NINETEEN, SIXTY FOUR, HE HAD MAILED A LETTER TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, WASHINGTON, D. C., ON FEBRUARY NINETEEN, FURNISHING THE SAME INFORMATION.

ABOVE IS FOR THE INFORMATION OF BUREAU AND INVESTIGATION IS BEING INSTITUTED REGARDING CAPTIONED ORGANIZATION AND LETTERHEAD MEMO TO FOLLOW.

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